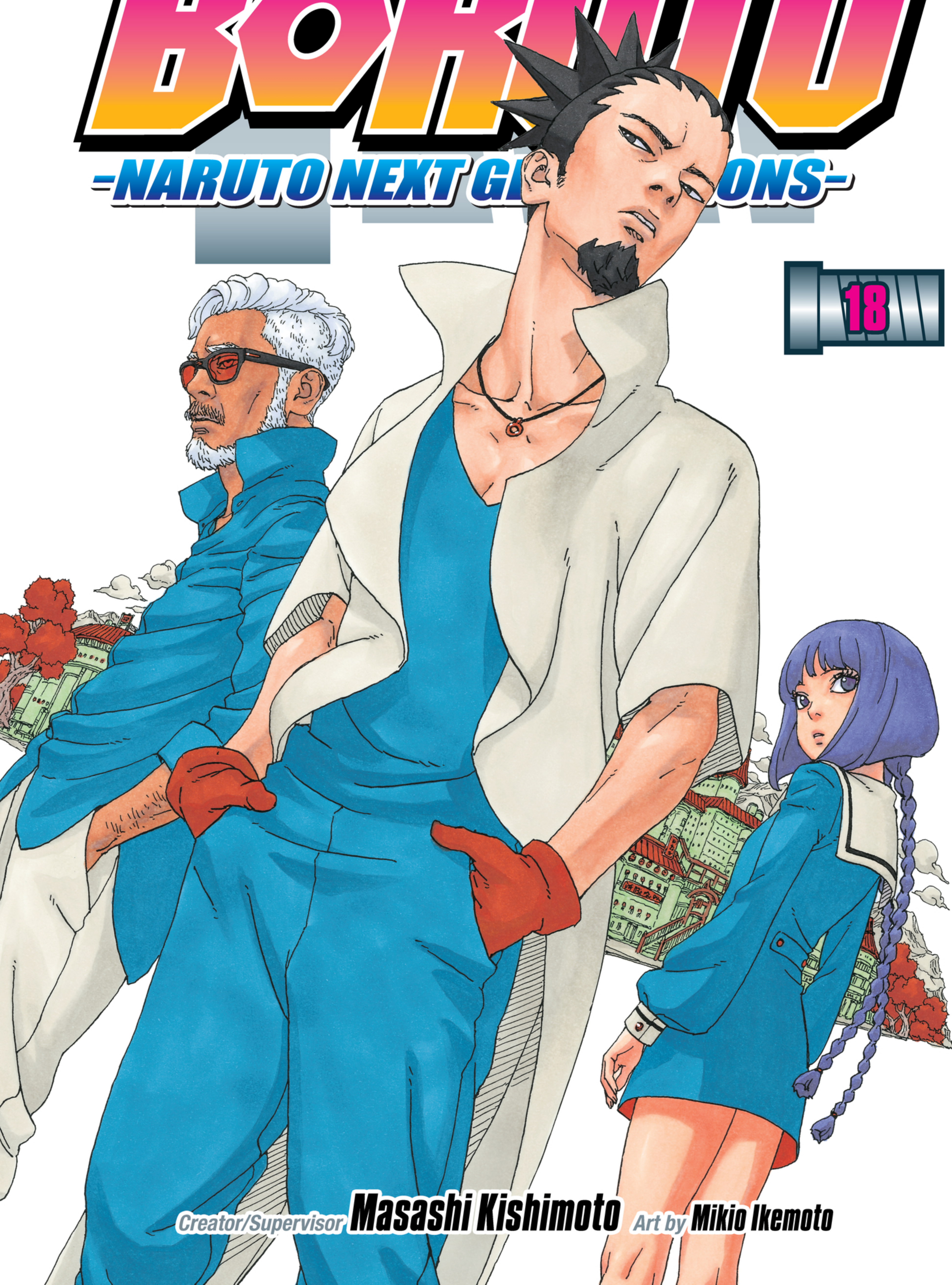


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池本 幹雄

Just like humans, cats come with an infinite variety of personalities. My cats hate to be held... I'm lucky if they tolerate a few seconds of it. What's depicted in this drawing is my dream of dreams.

But this particular cat, while hating to be held, does like riding around on a human's back. But only a chosen few are allowed this. I am occasionally so utilized as a taxi and get to feel paw pads on my back.

-Mikio Ikemoto, 2022

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Hindrance



**Uzumaki
Naruto**

**Uchiha
Sasuke**

**Nara
Shikamaru**

**Ohtsutsuki
Momoshiki**

Amado

Code

Eida

Daemon

STORY

The Great Ninja War that shook the world and shed much blood is now history. Naruto has become the Seventh Hokage, and the people of Konohagakure Village are enjoying peace. But Ohtsutsuki Clan members attack and leave a mysterious mark, the Karma, on Seventh Hokage Naruto's son, Boruto...

Afterward, Boruto happens upon a young man named Kawaki who bears the same Karma as he does. And it is he who is proven to be what Kara has been calling the Vessel.

In order to place Kawaki under his protection, Naruto moves him into his own home. Boruto and Kawaki keep butting heads, but Kawaki starts acclimating to the Village and begins to respect Naruto.

Later, with his life running out, Ohtsutsuki Isshiki attempts to resurrect himself in Kawaki's body, but the valiant efforts of Naruto and the others lead to his end. Kara's last officer, Code, who has taken on the Ohtsutsuki Will from Isshiki, awakens sibling cyborgs who possess astounding powers, and vows to take Naruto and the others down. While battling Code, Kawaki regains his lost Karma and uses it to kill an out-of-control Boruto. But Boruto returns to life thanks to Ohtsutsuki Momoshiki's power.



Kawaki

Uchiha Sarada

Mitsuki

**Uzumaki
Boruto**

Yamanaka Inojin

Nara Shikadai

Akimichi Cho-Cho

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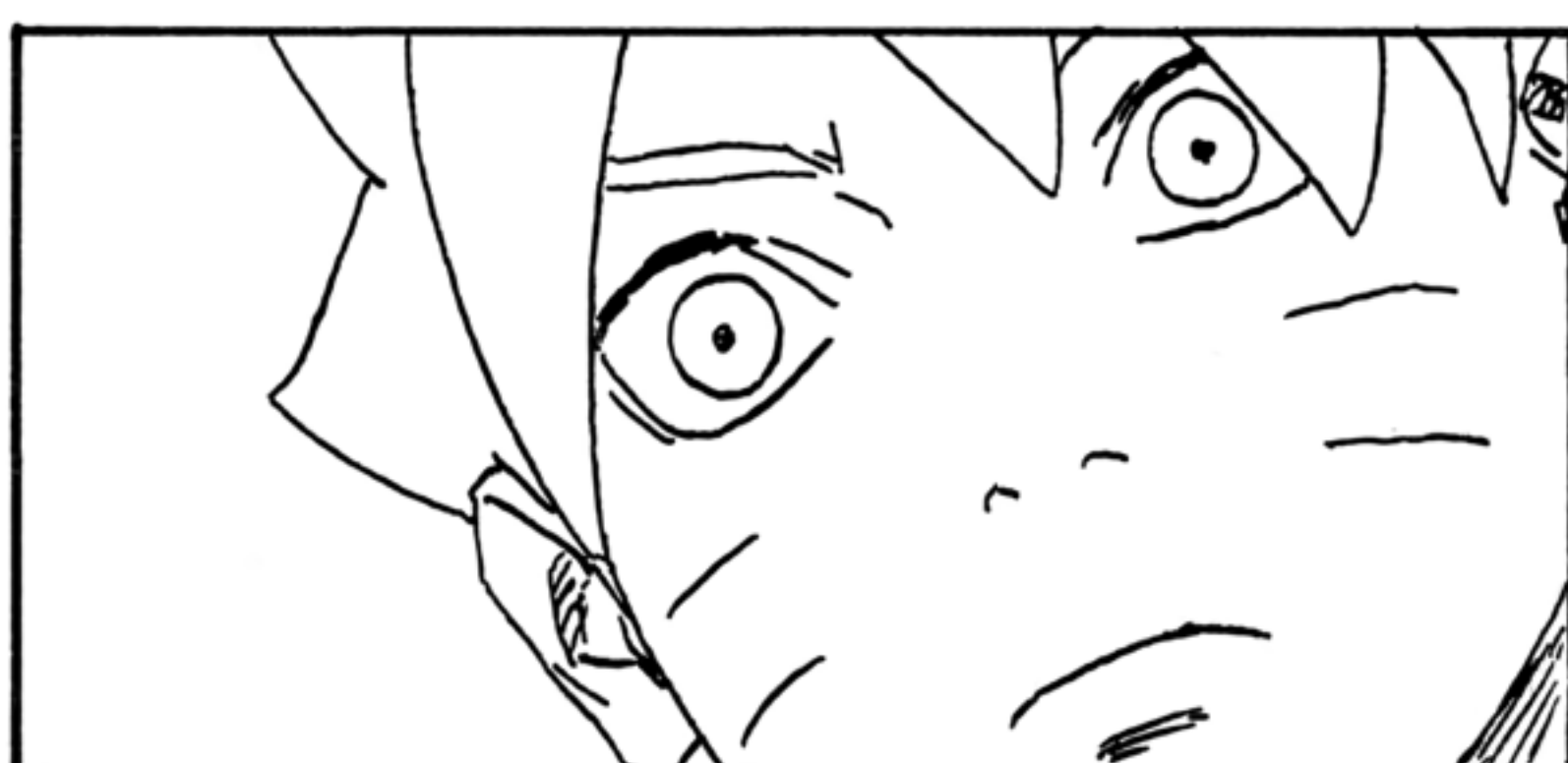
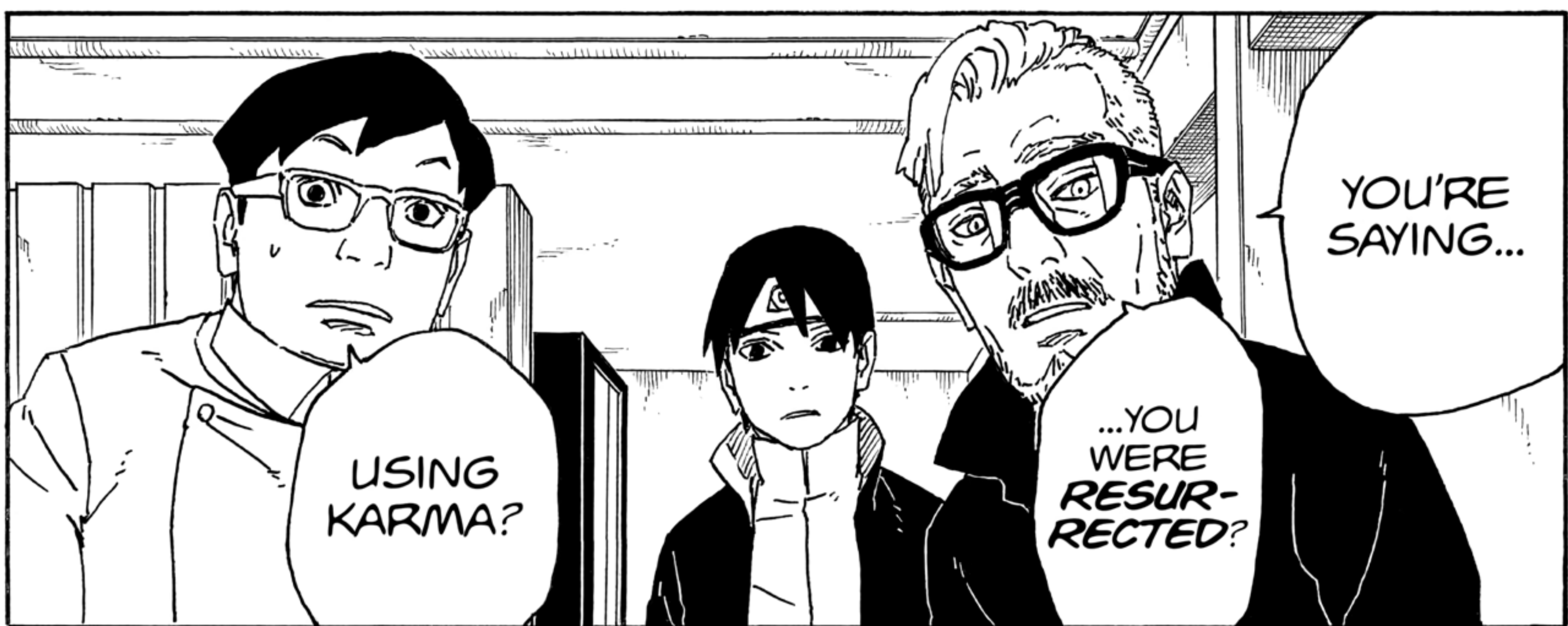
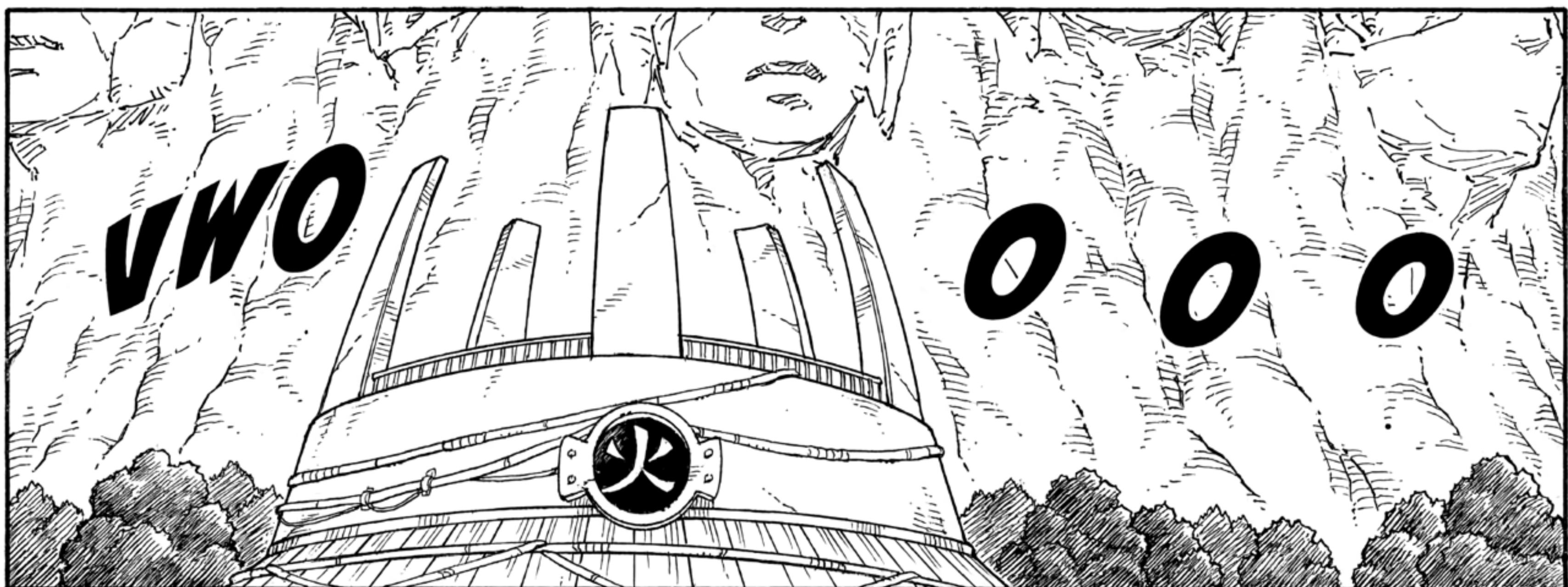
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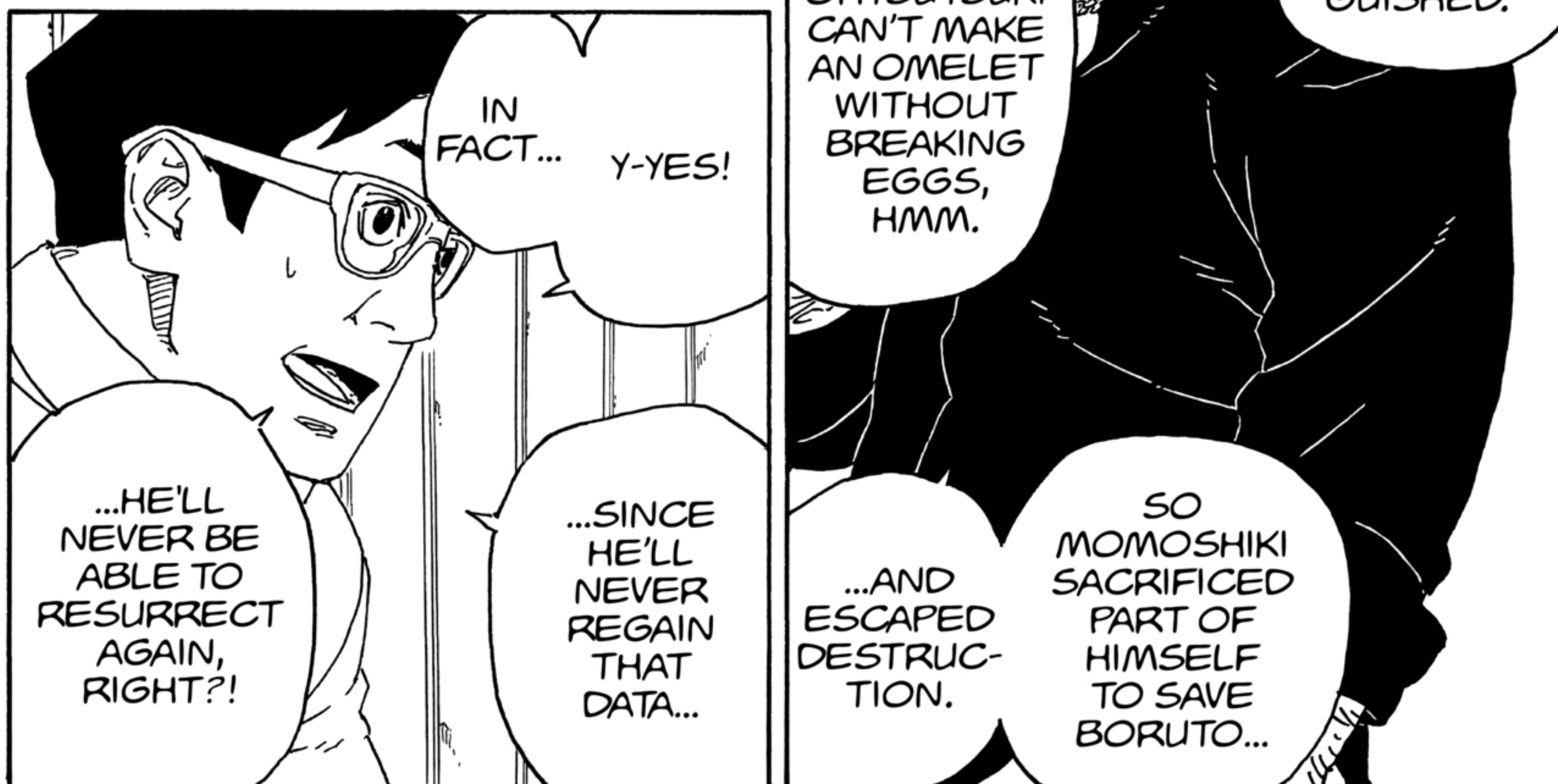
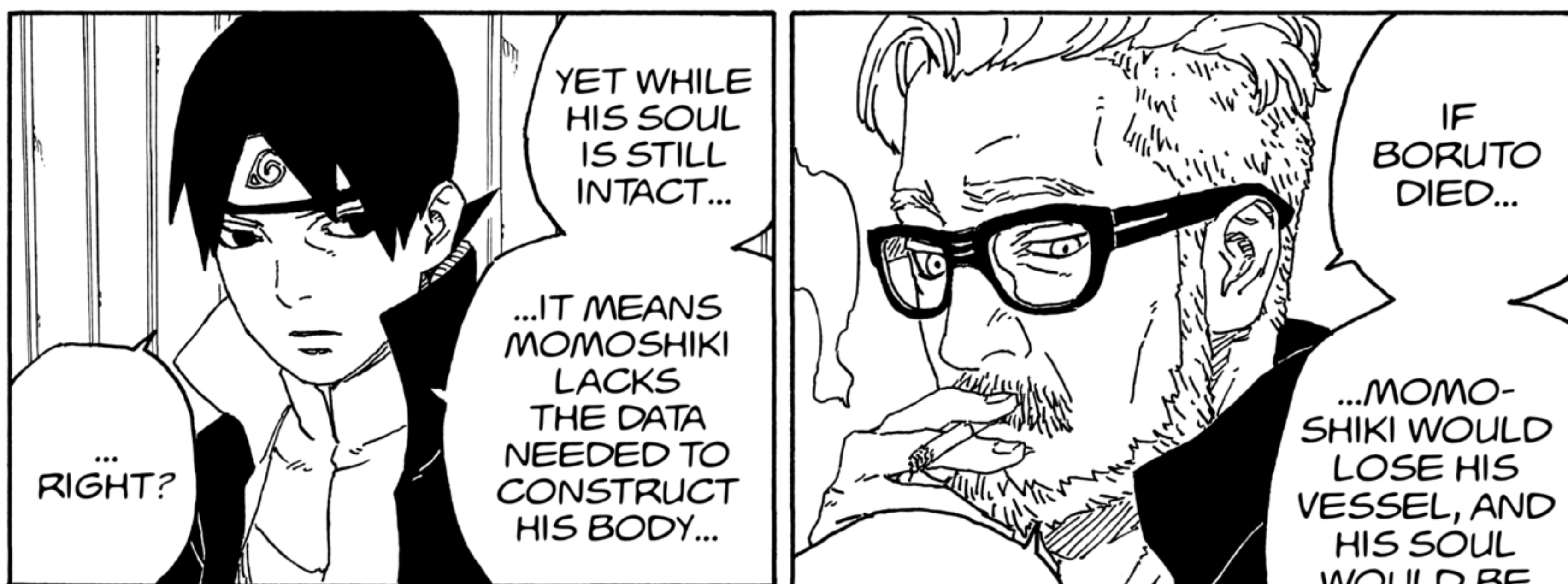
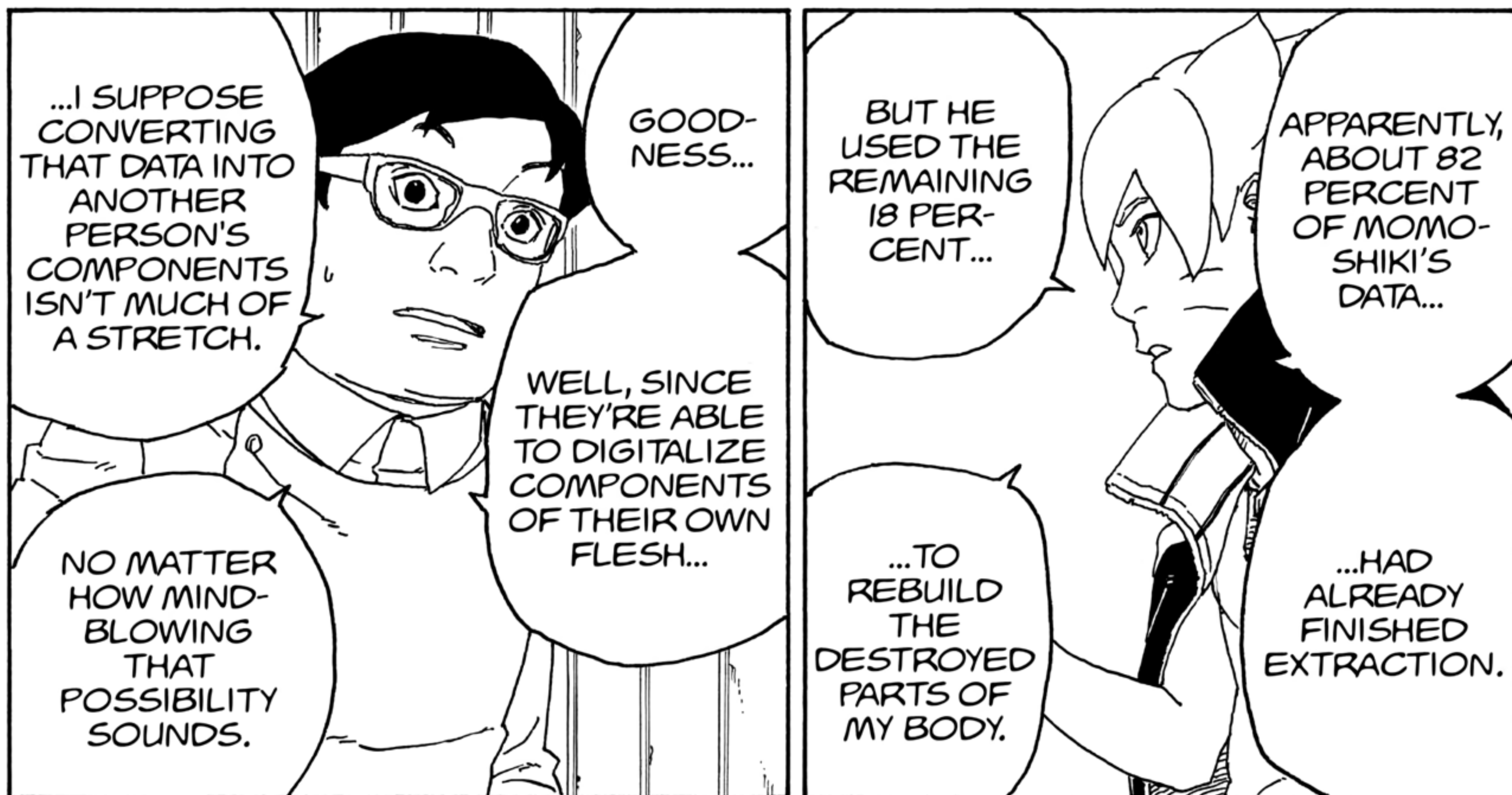
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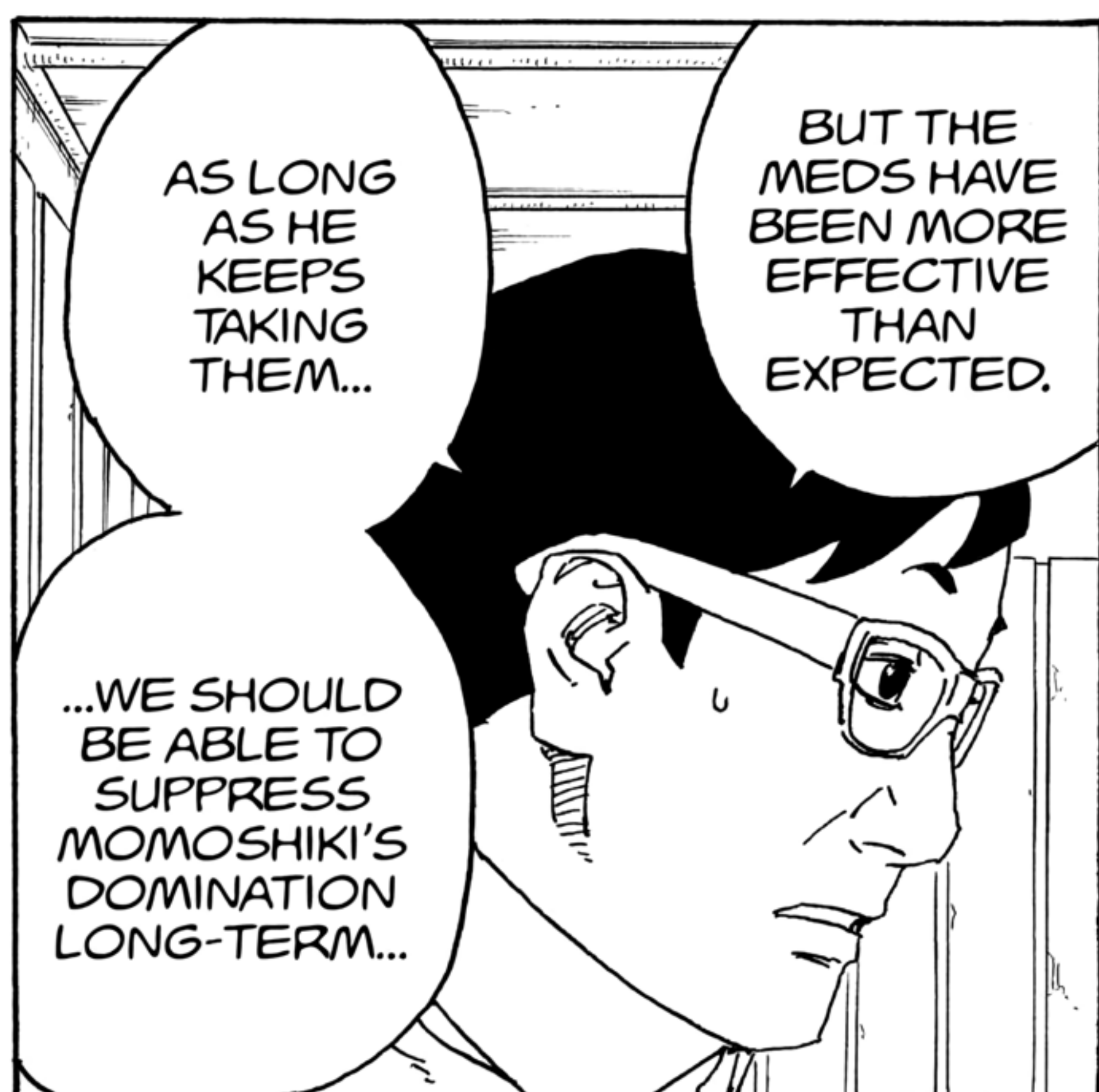
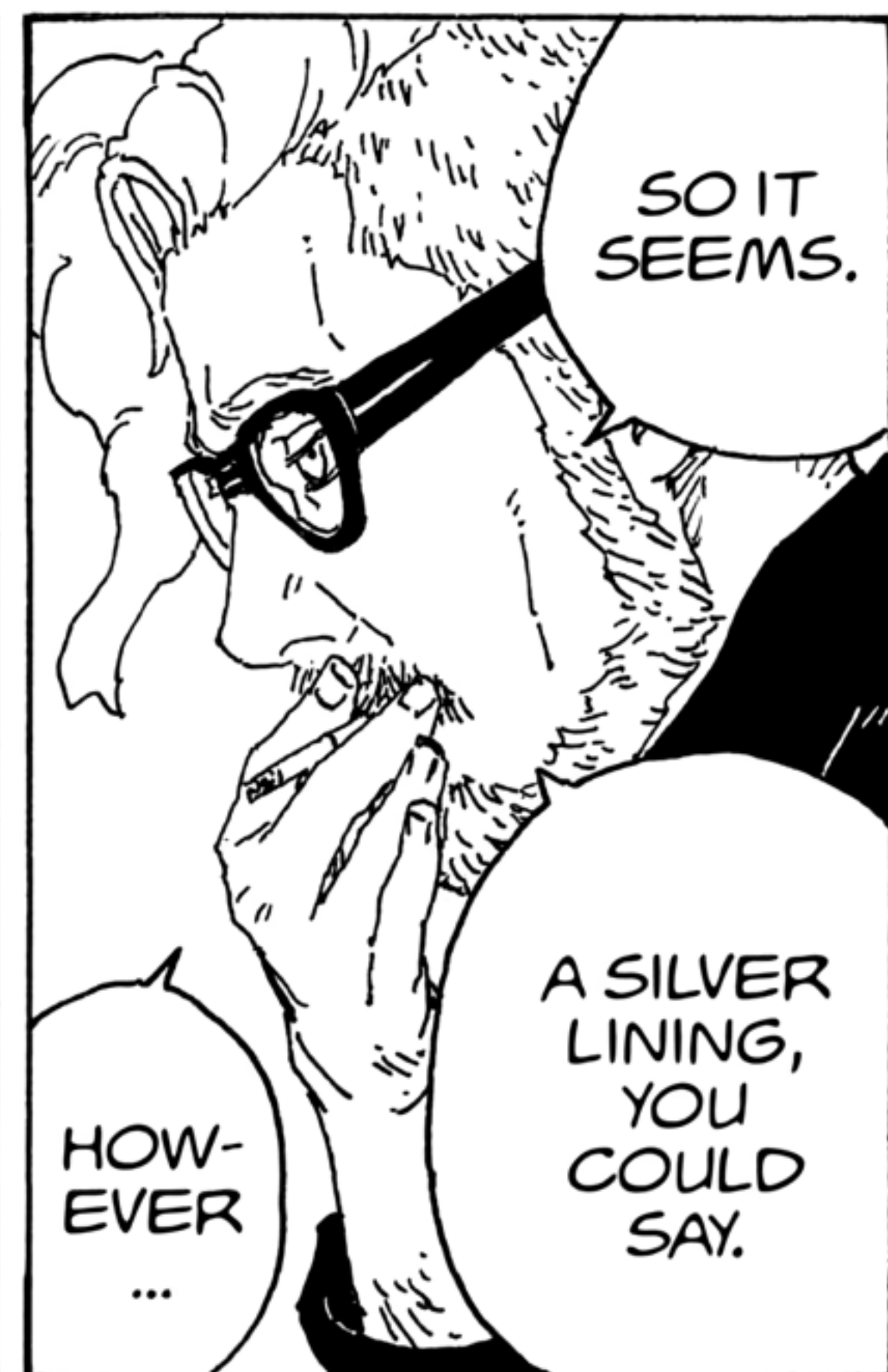
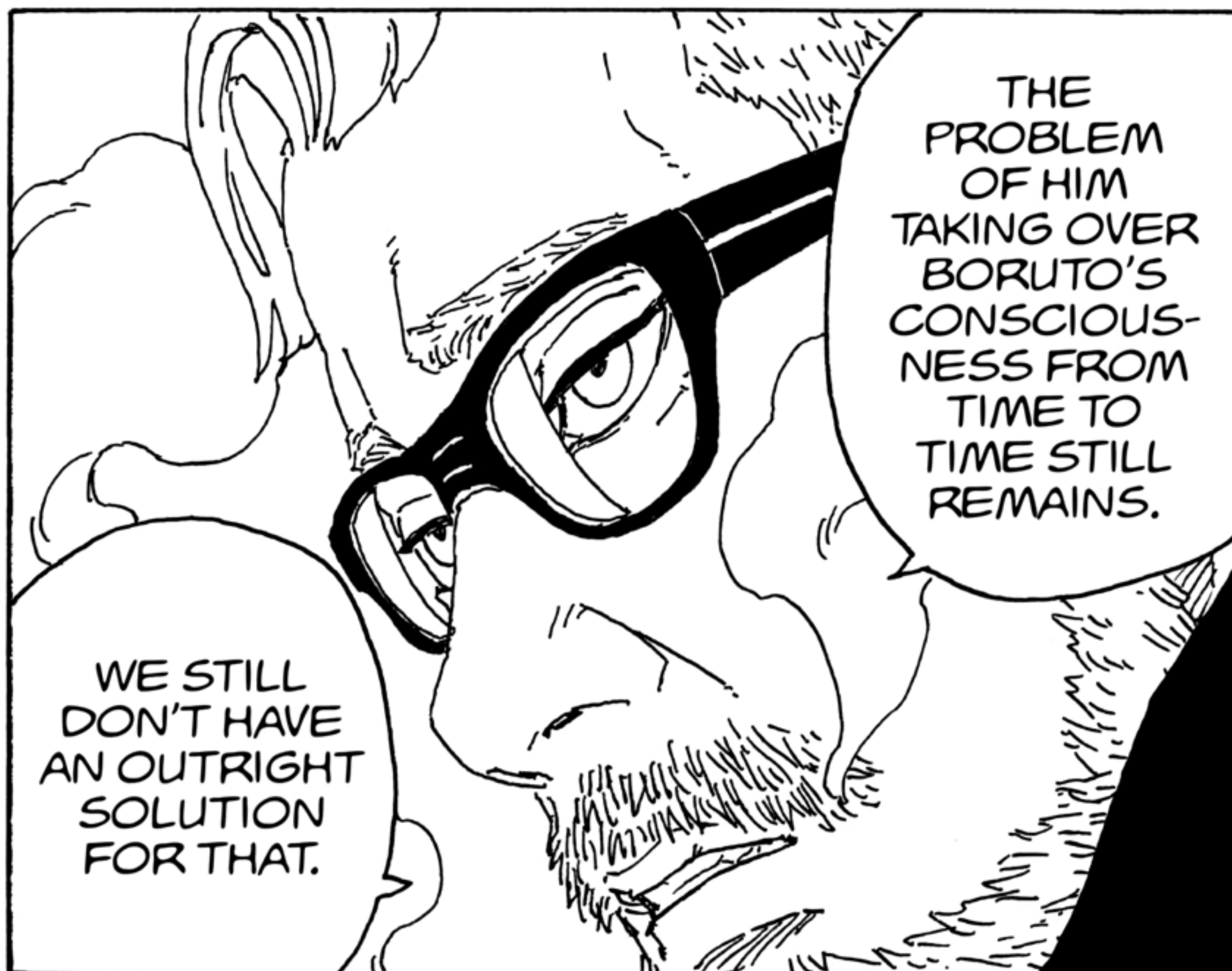
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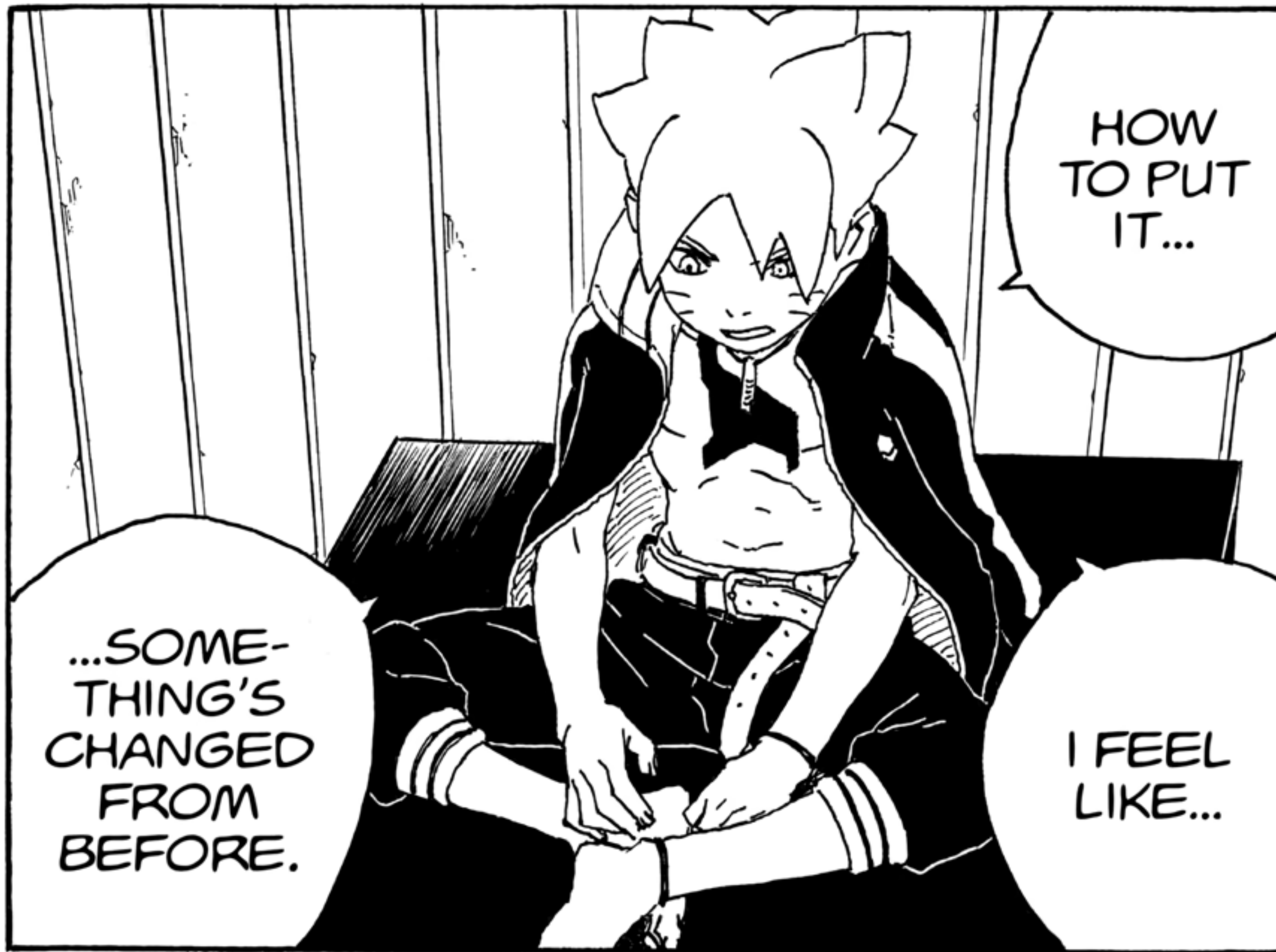
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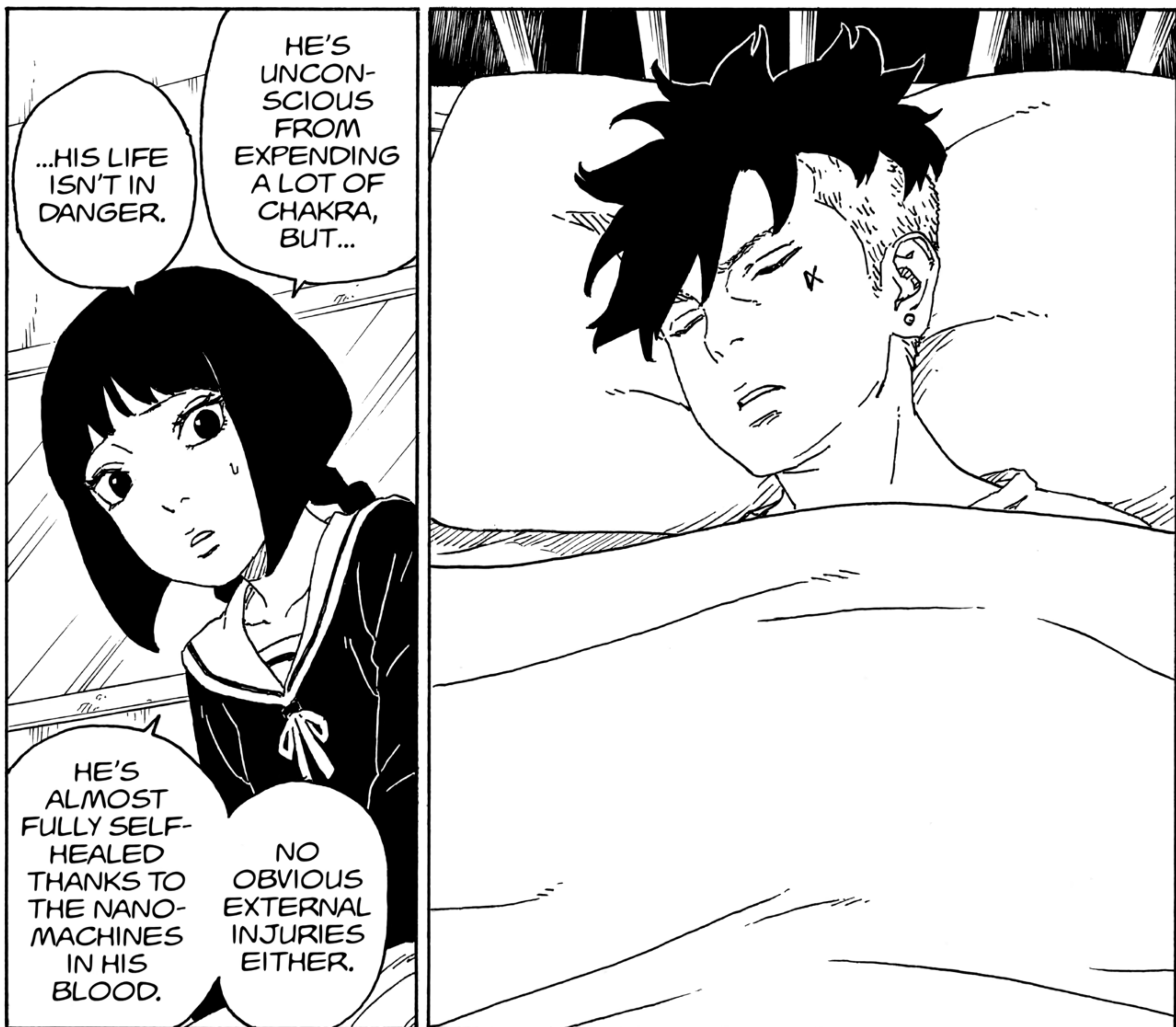


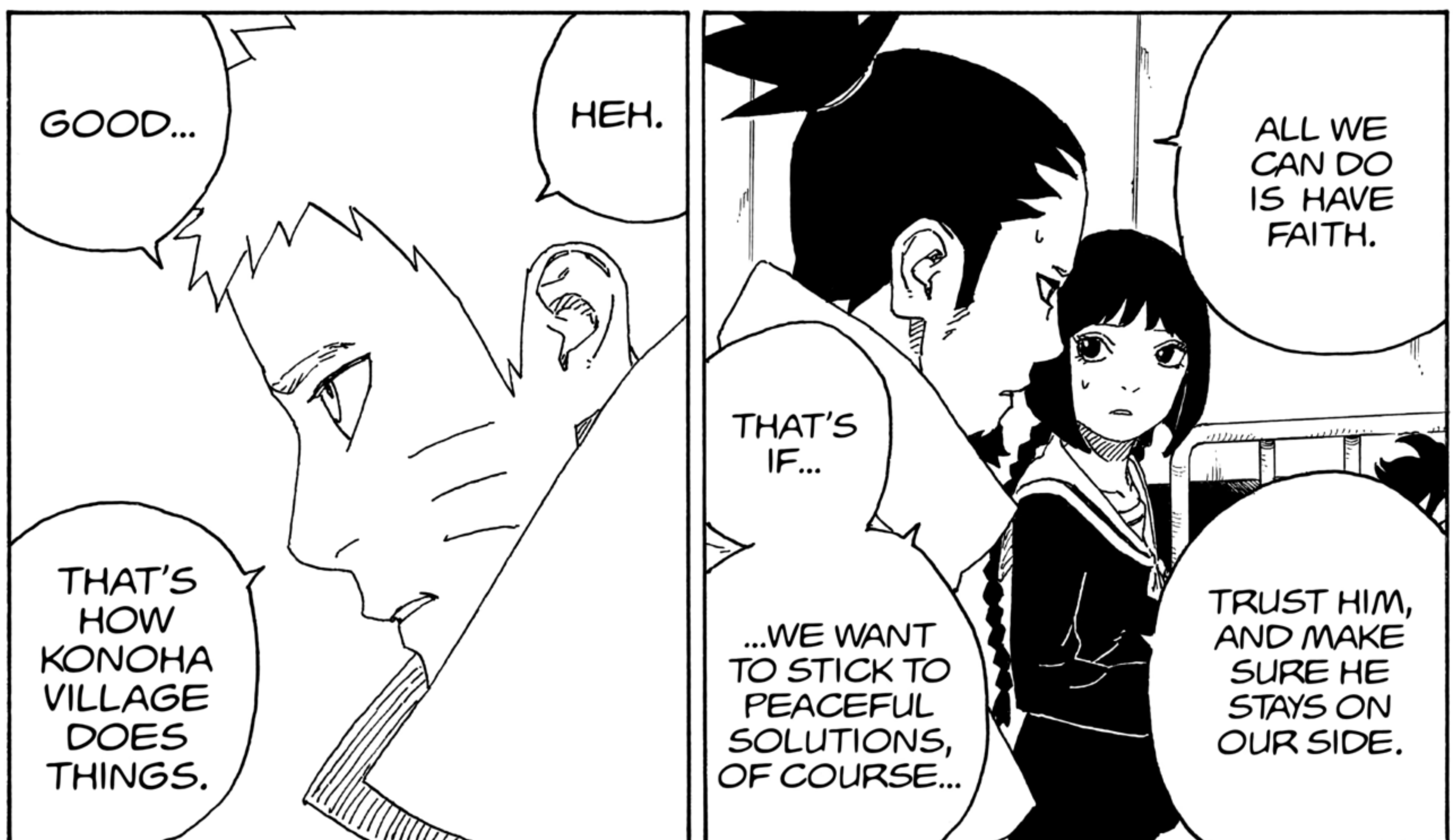
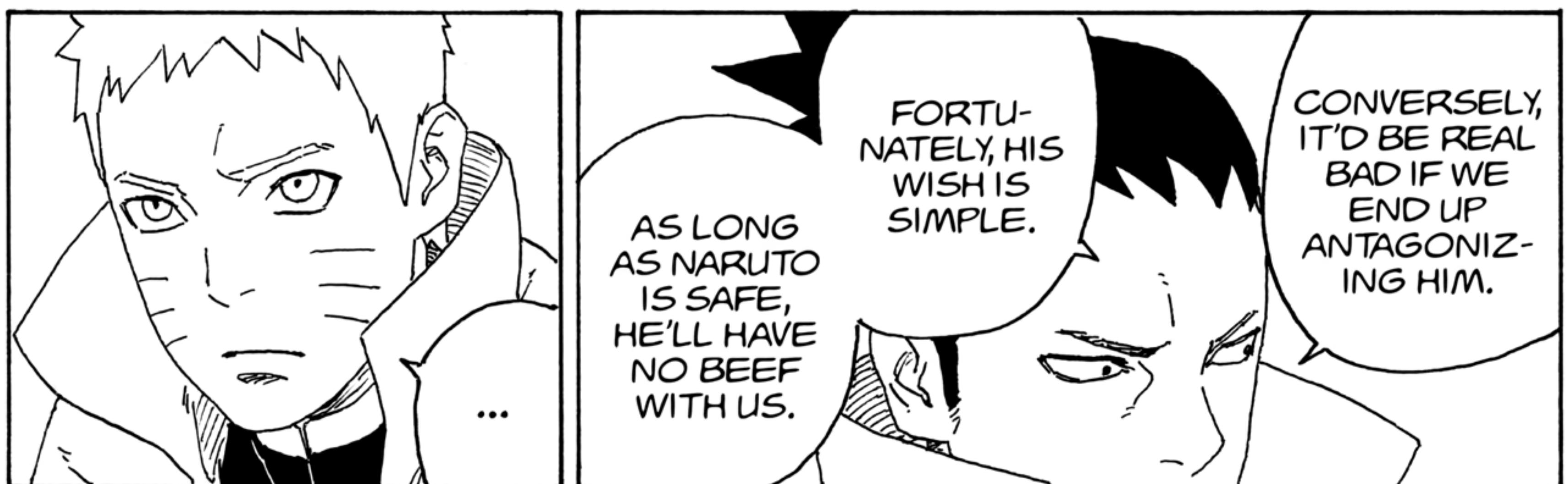


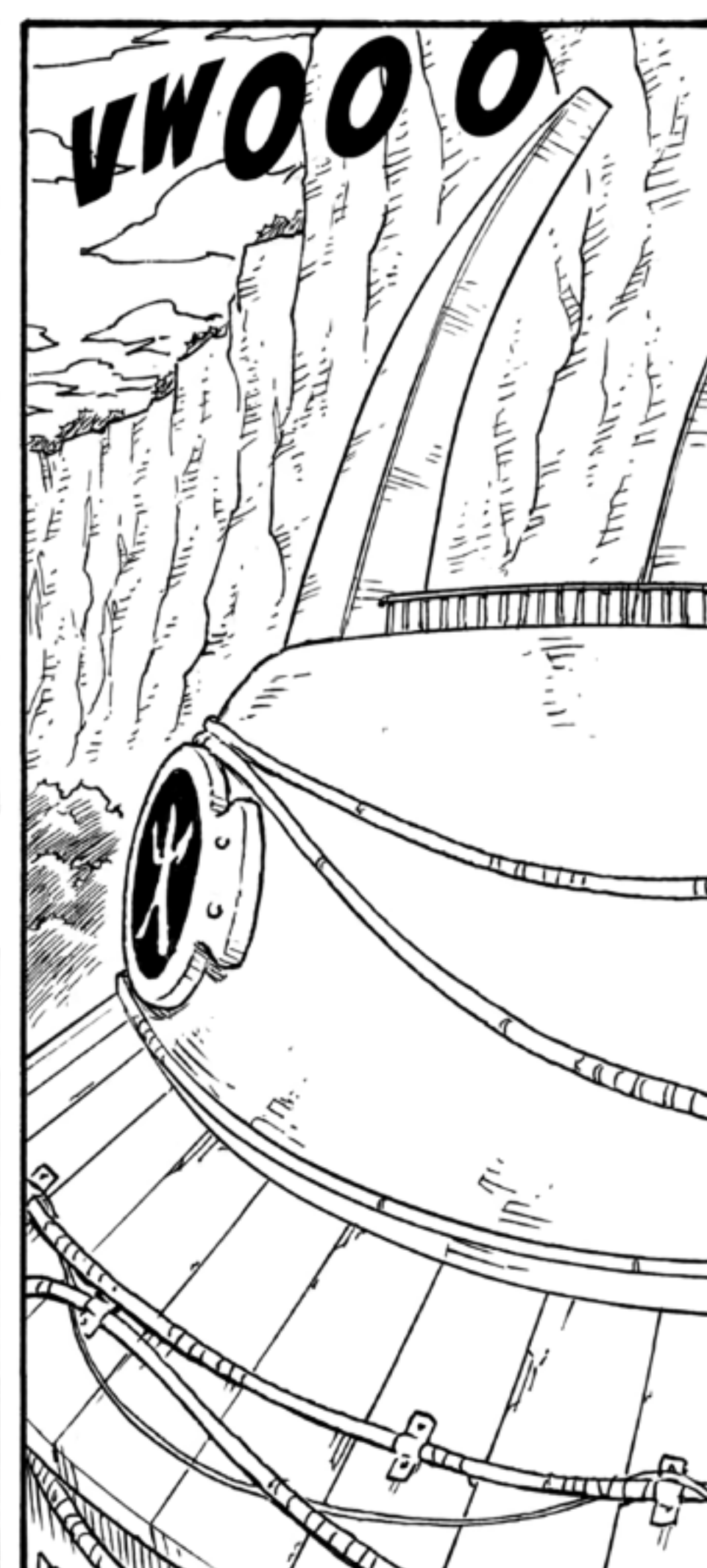
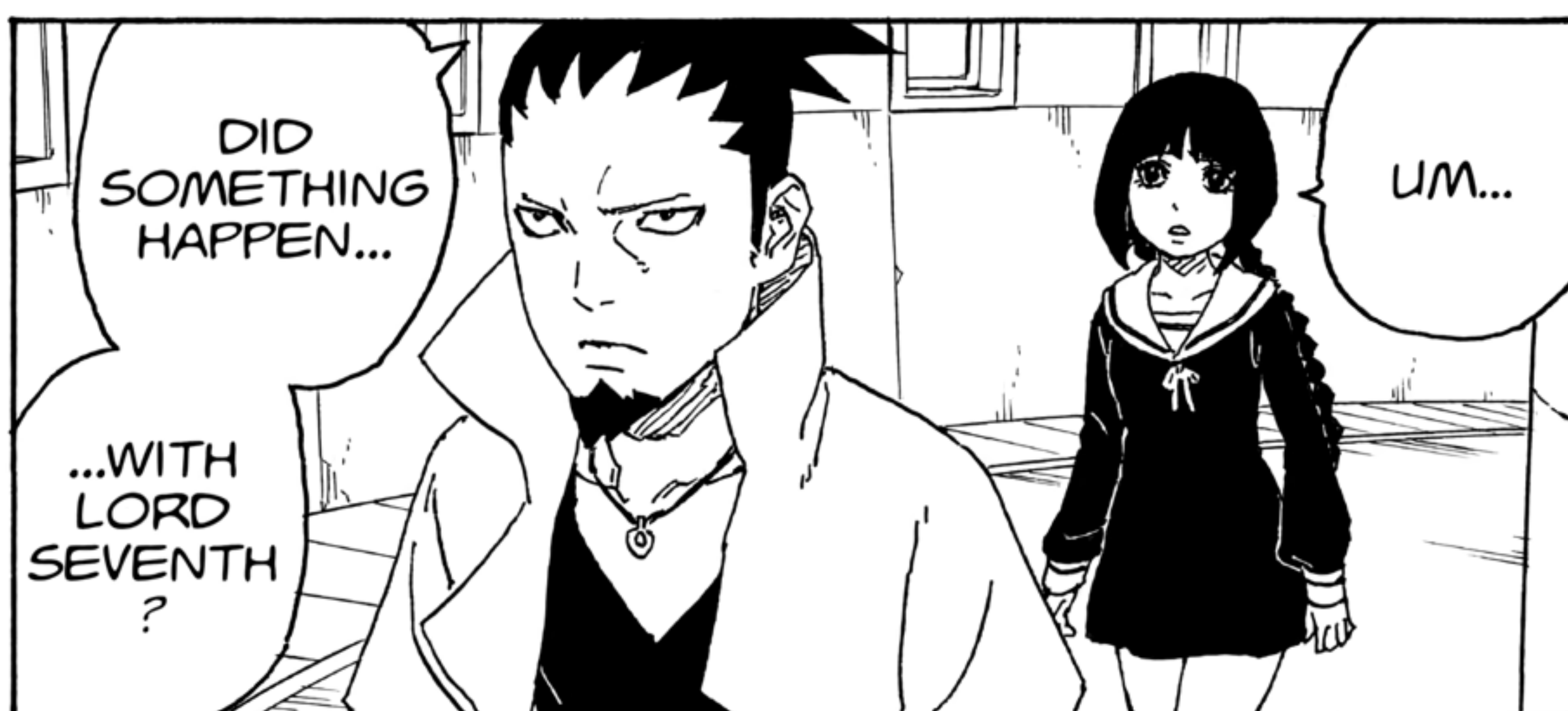


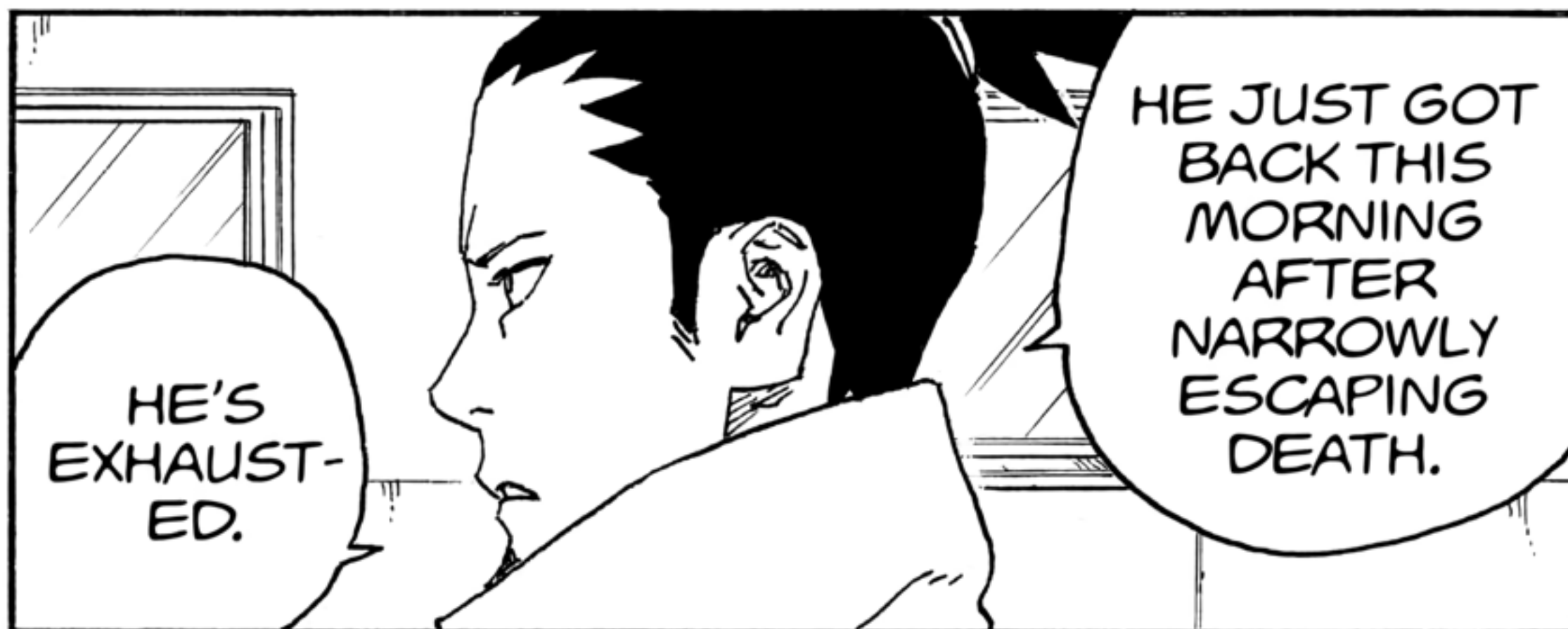


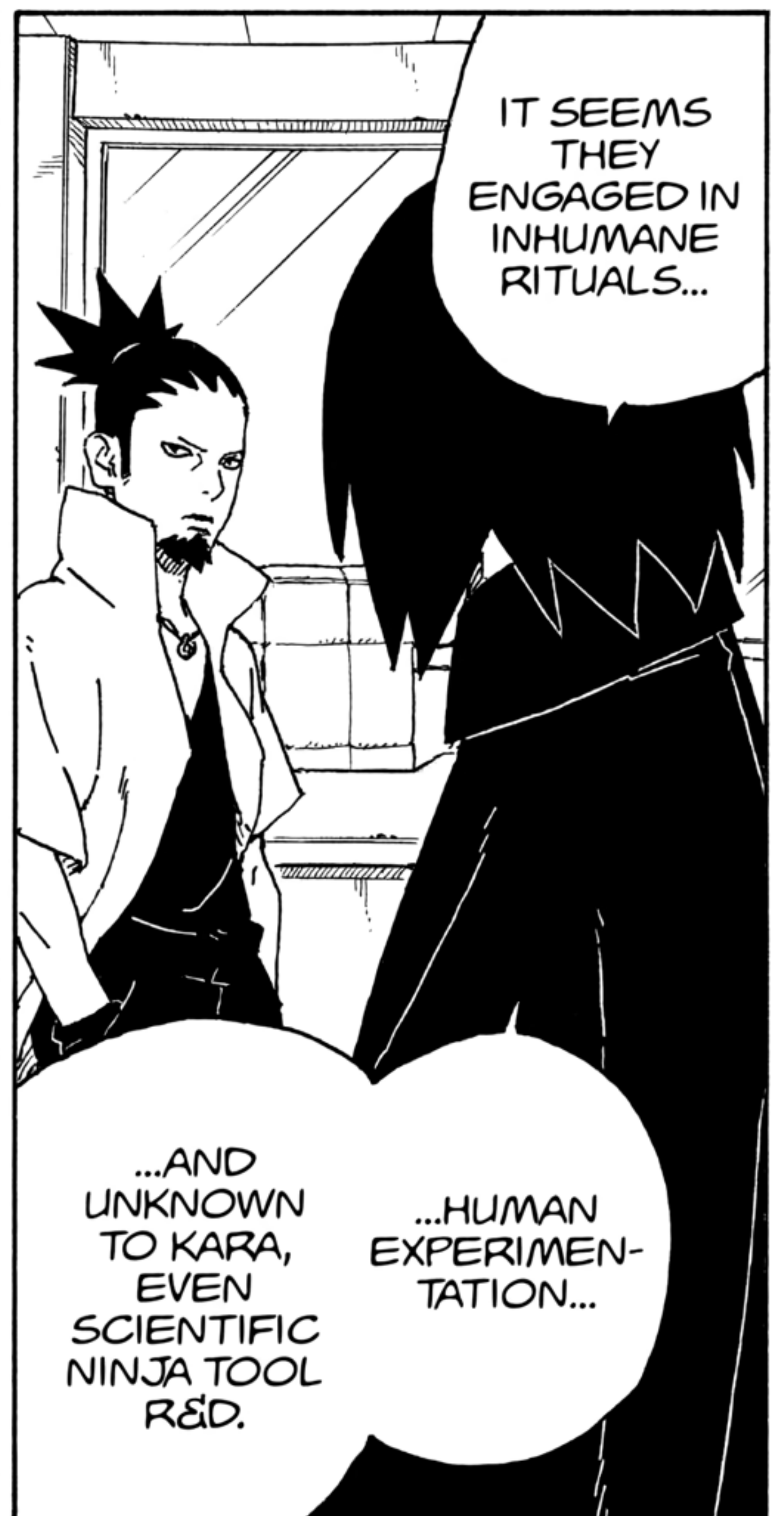
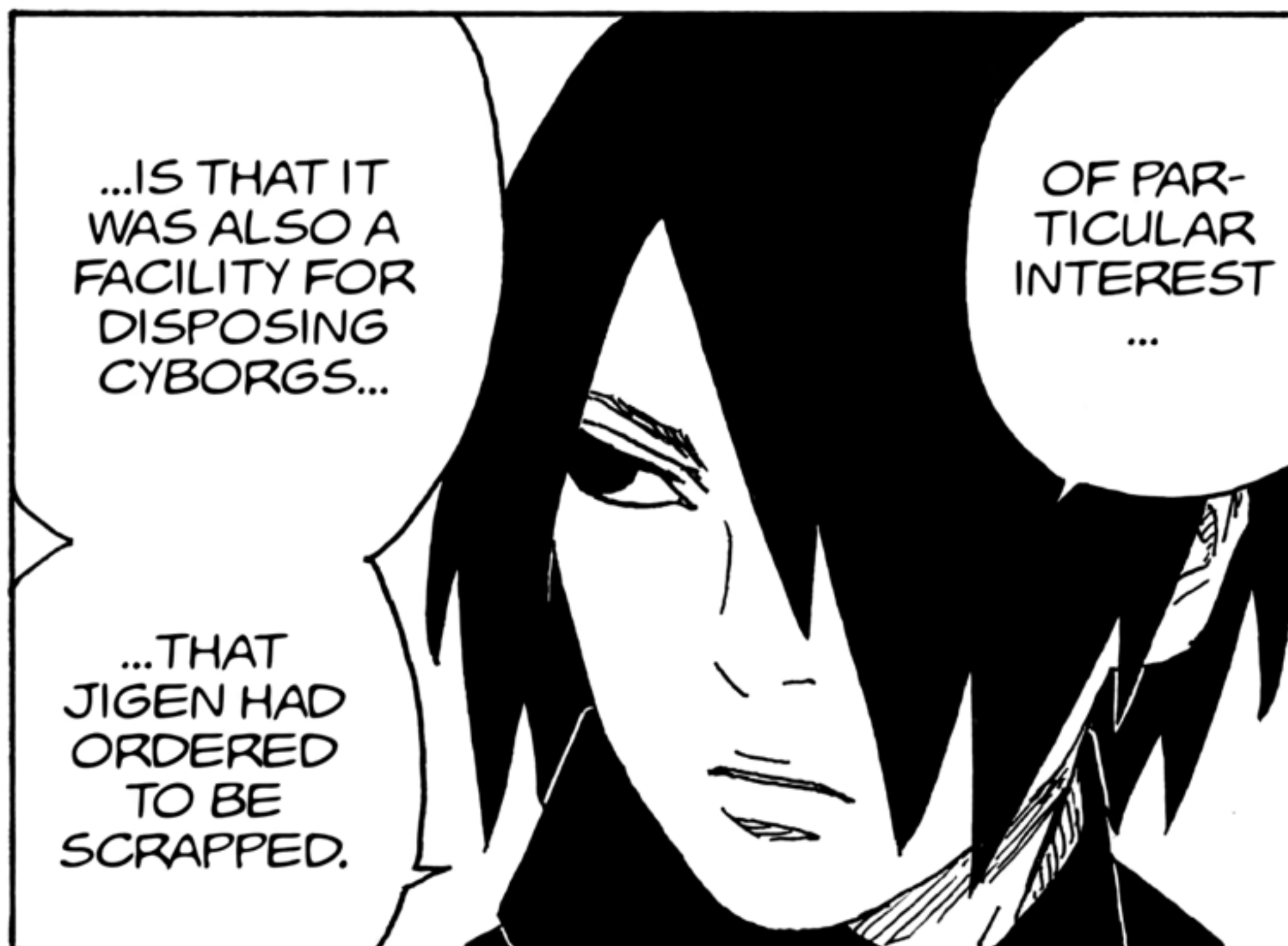
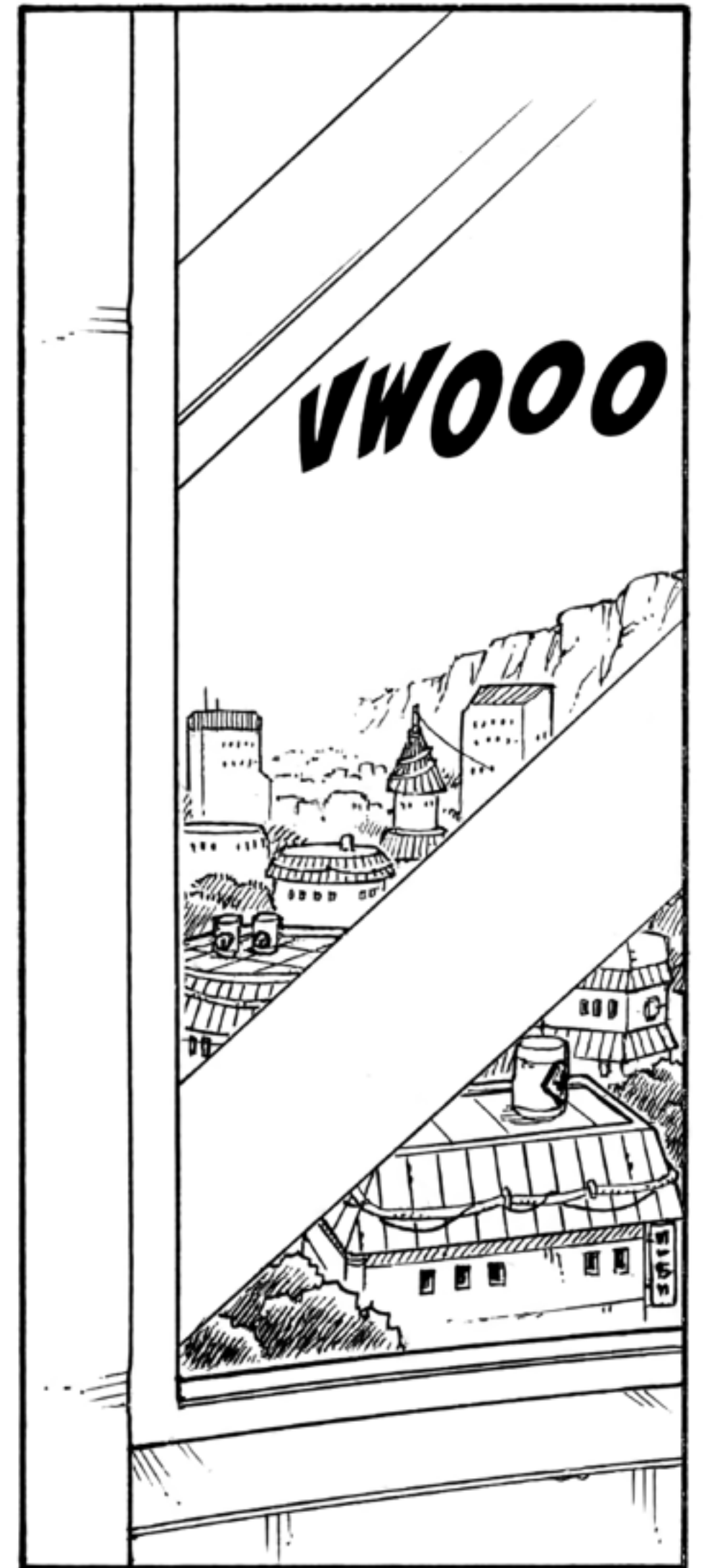
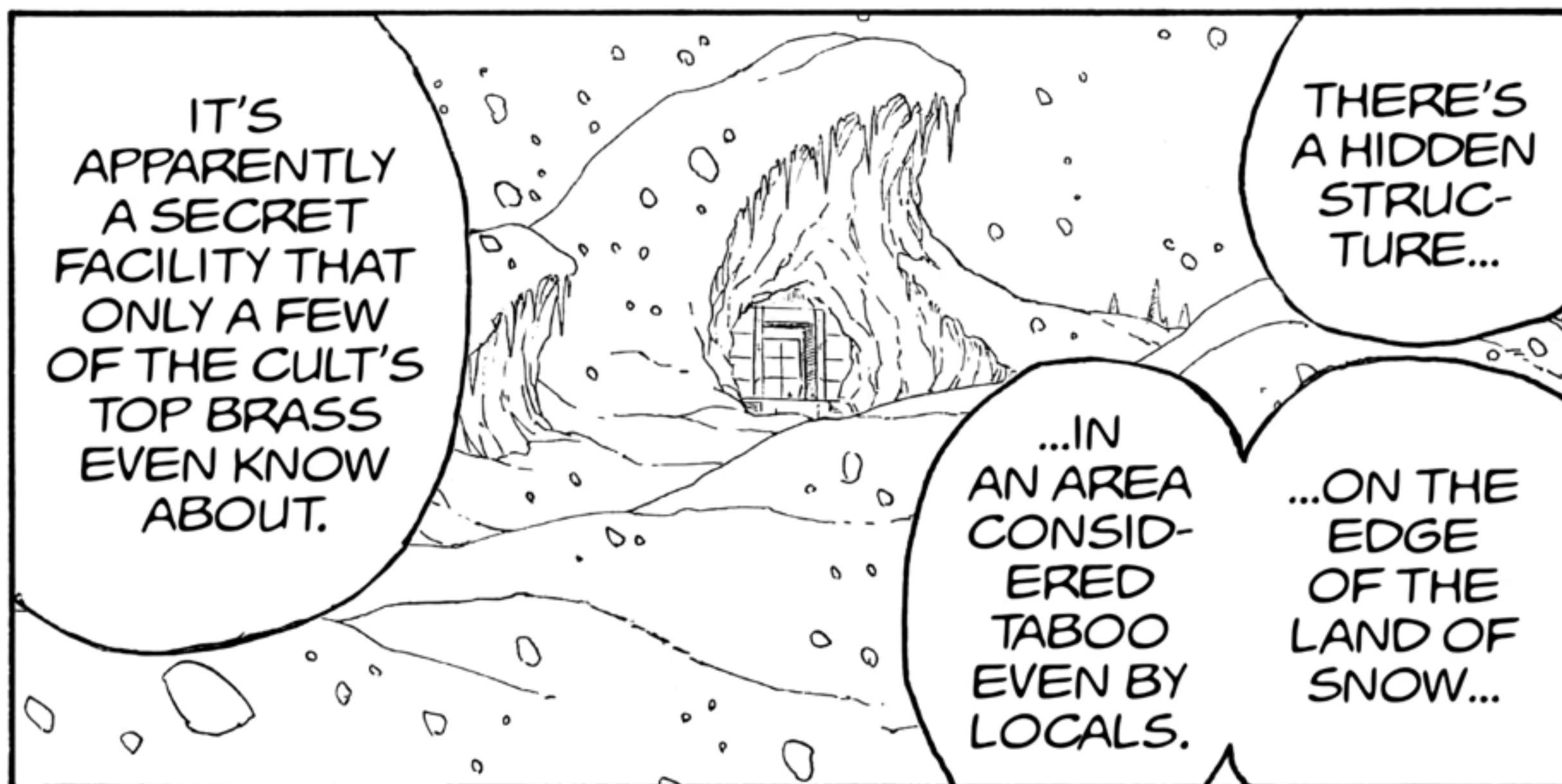


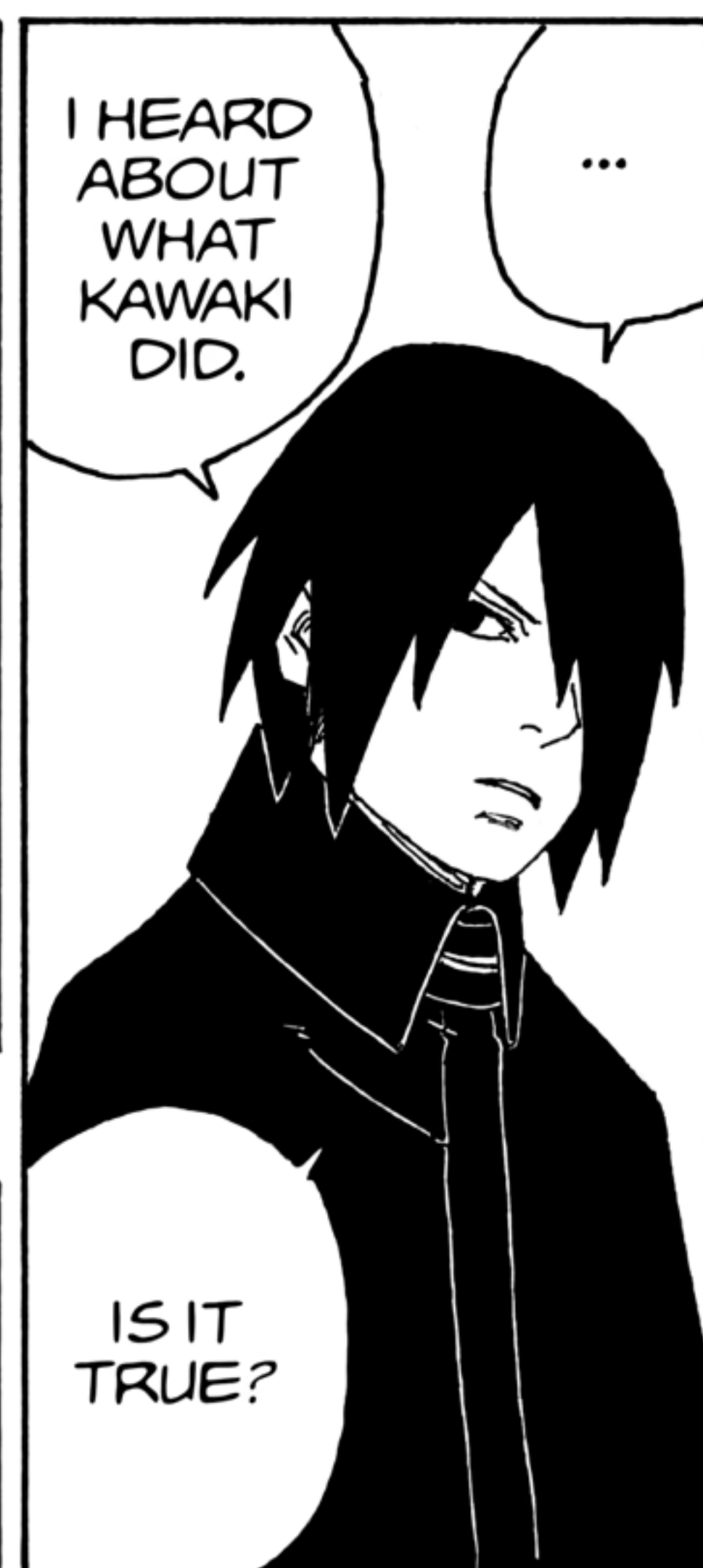
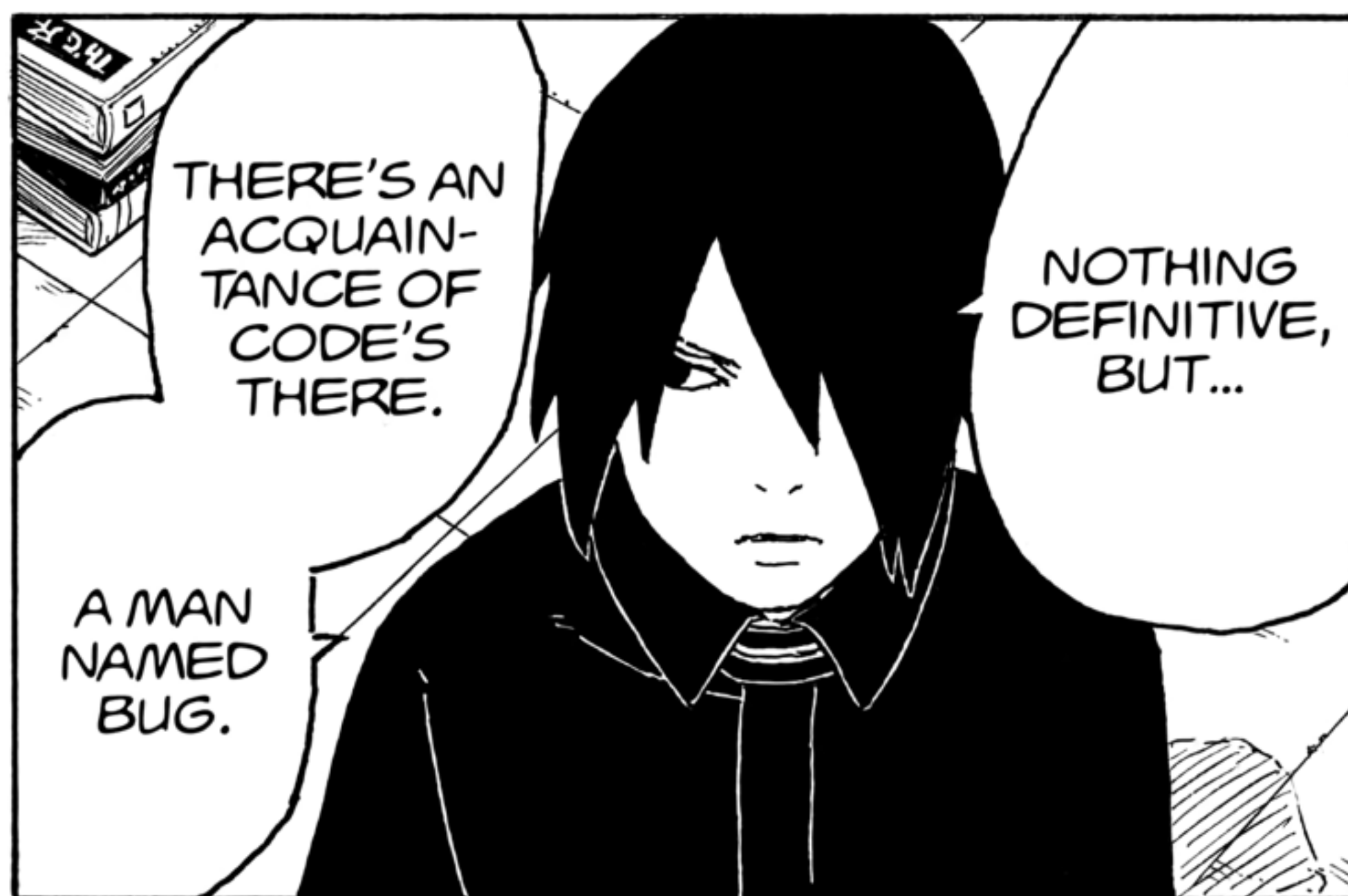


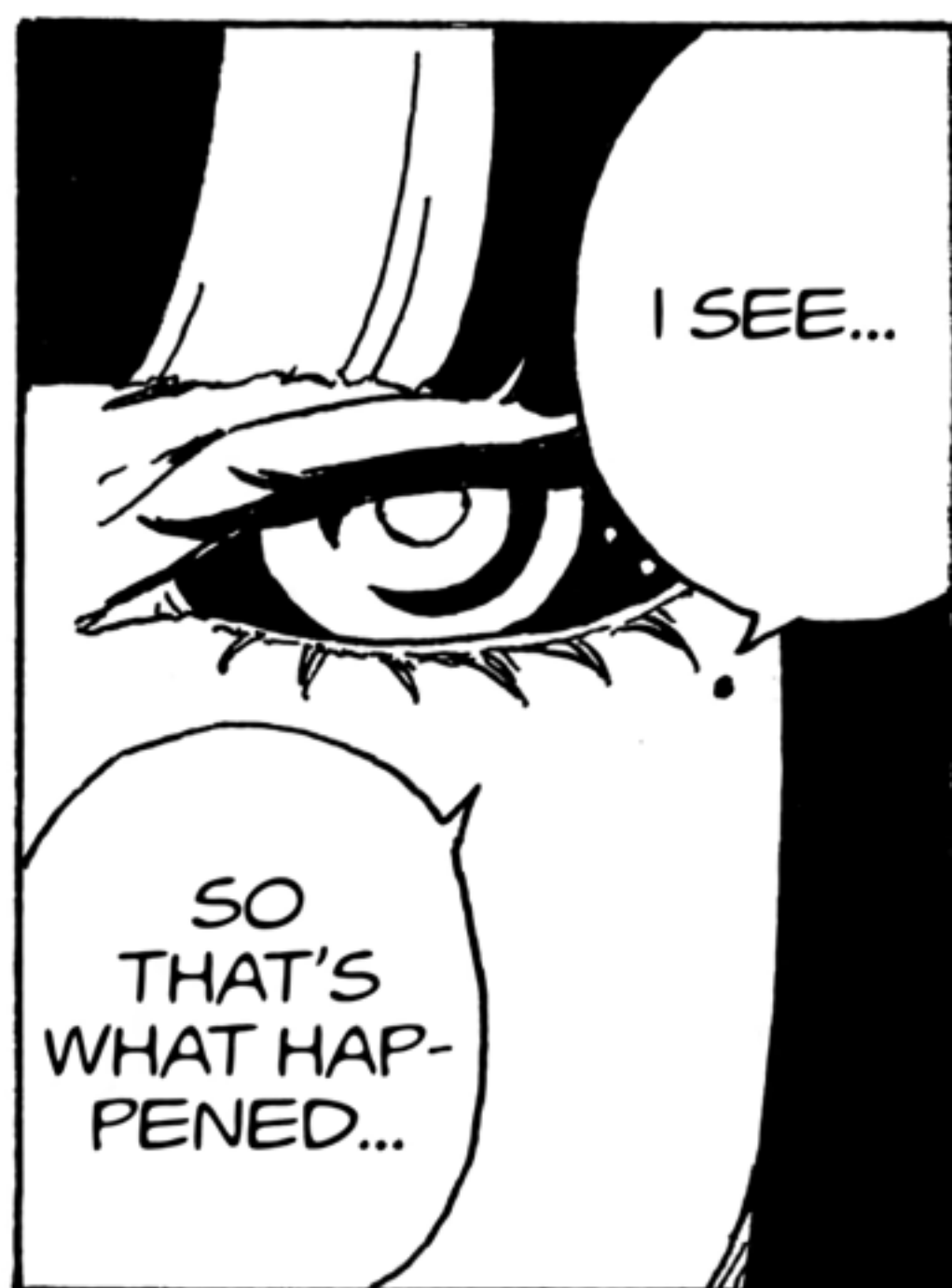
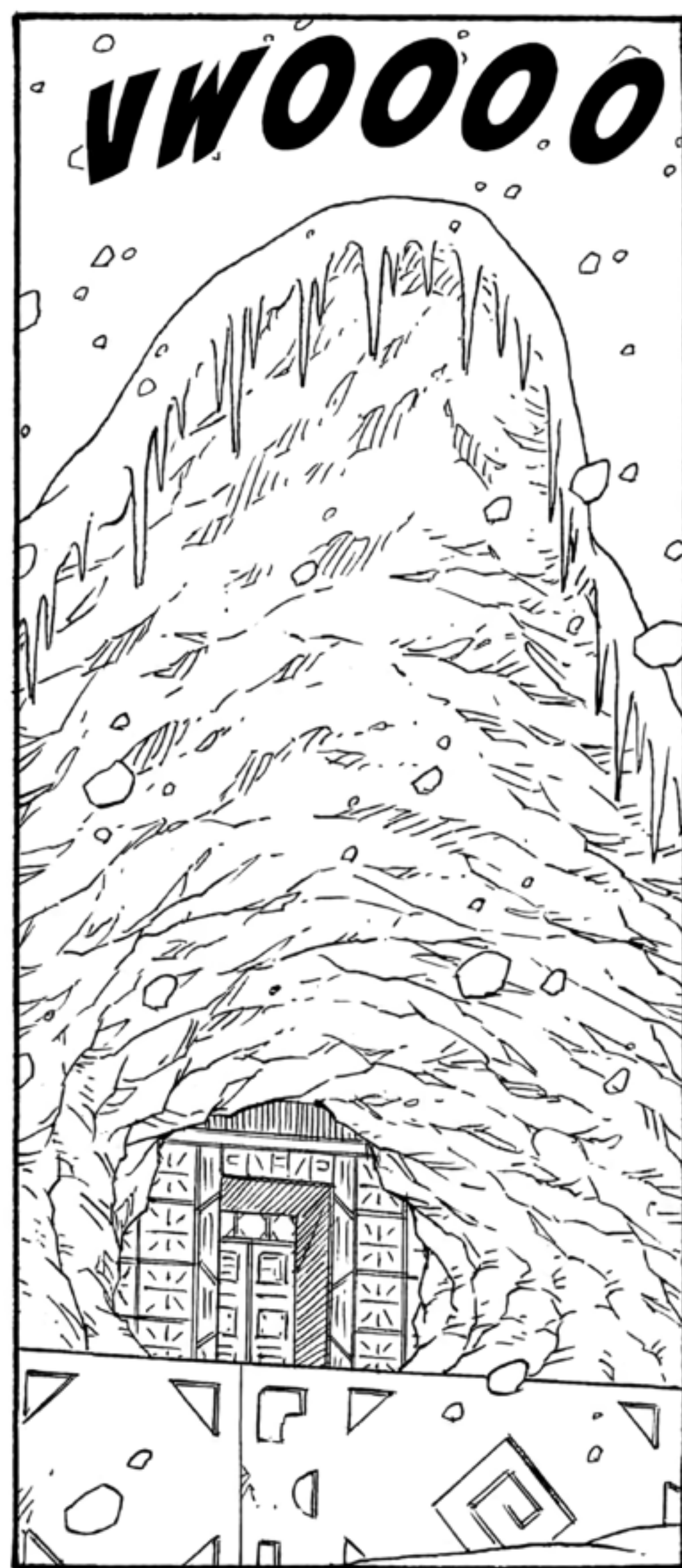


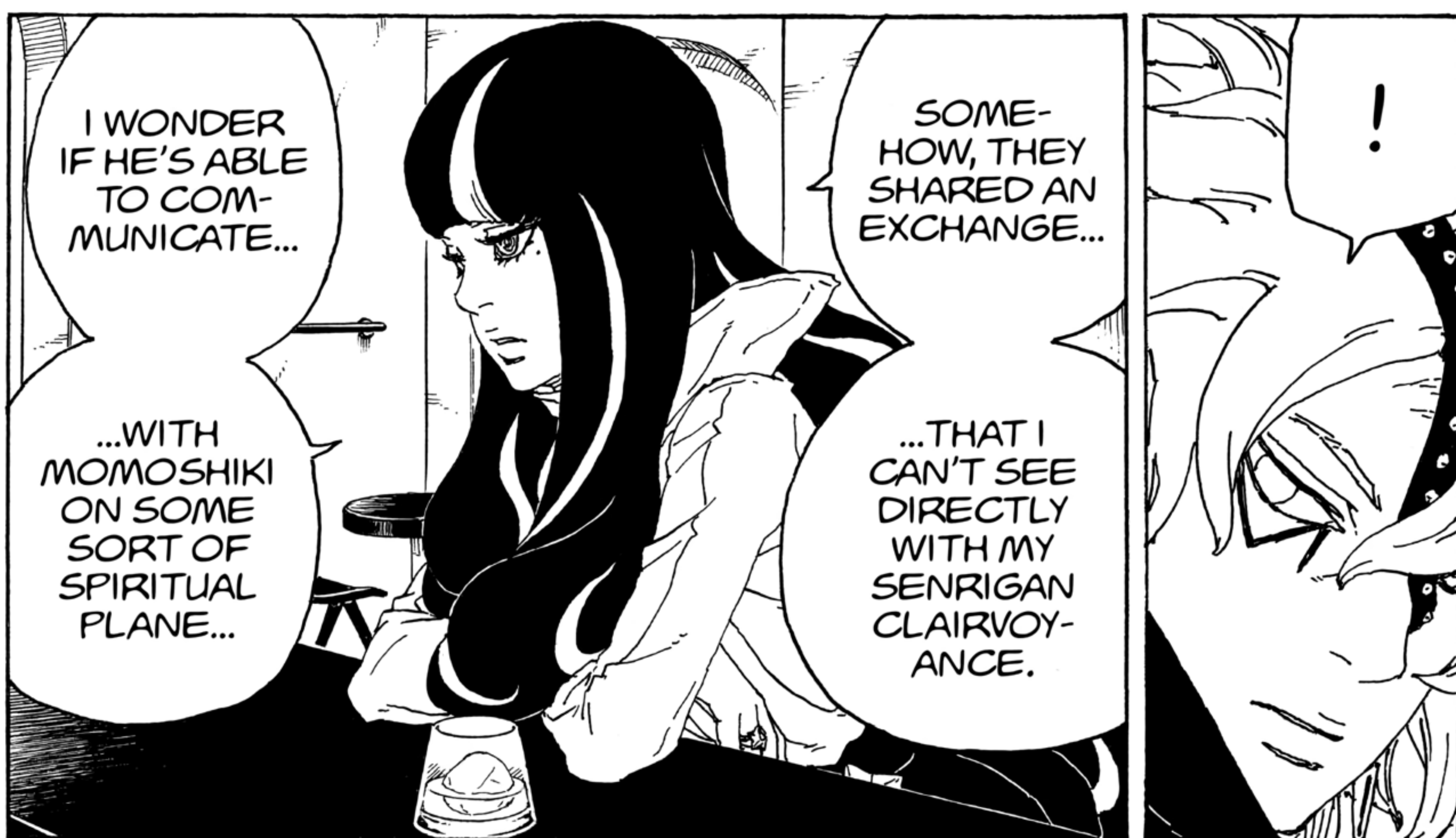
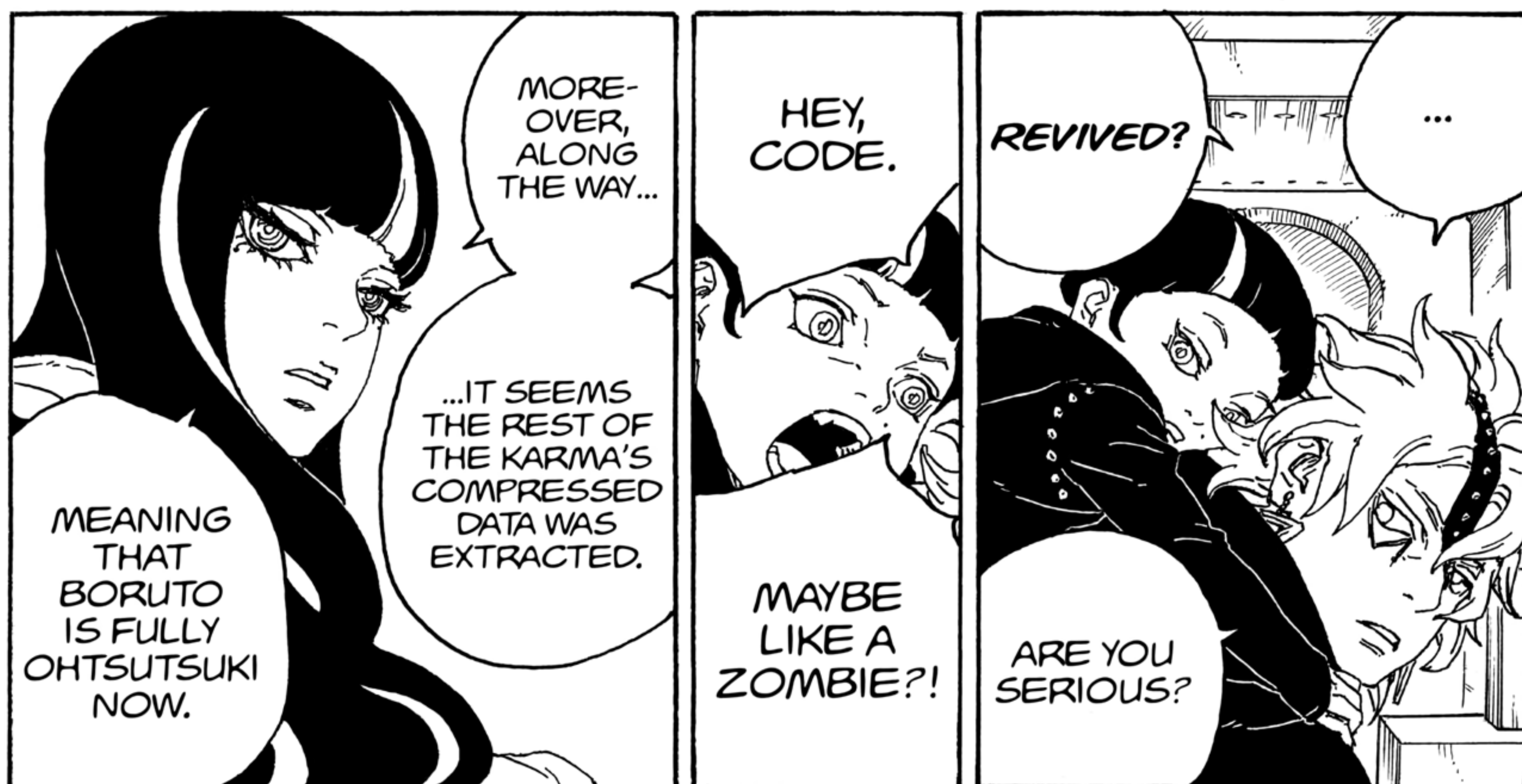


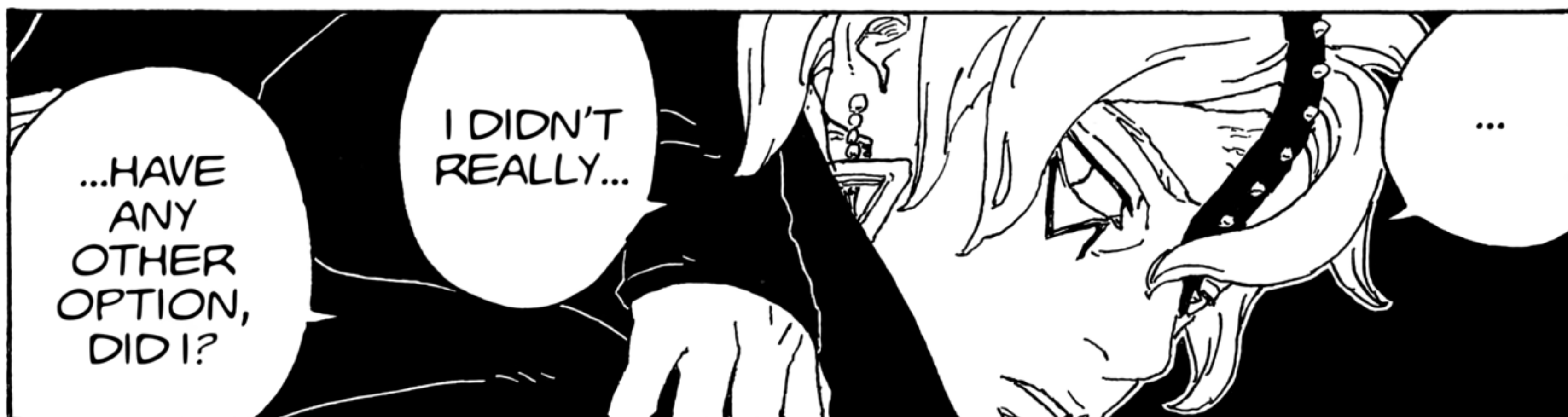
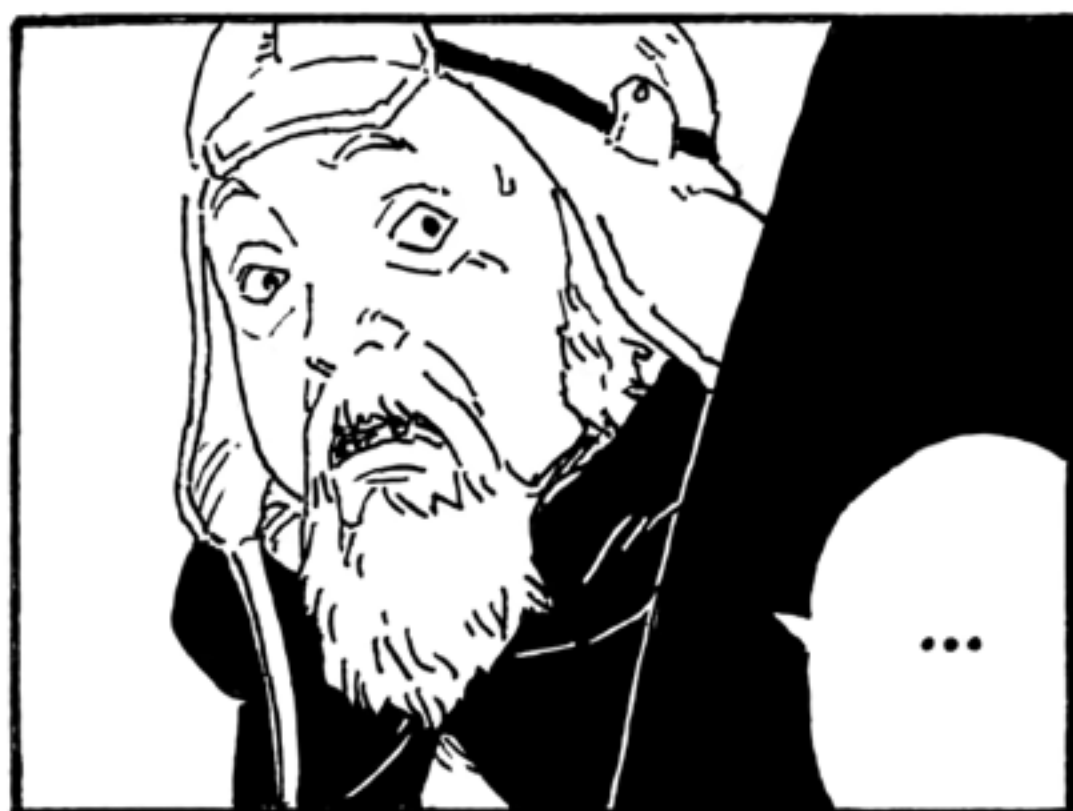














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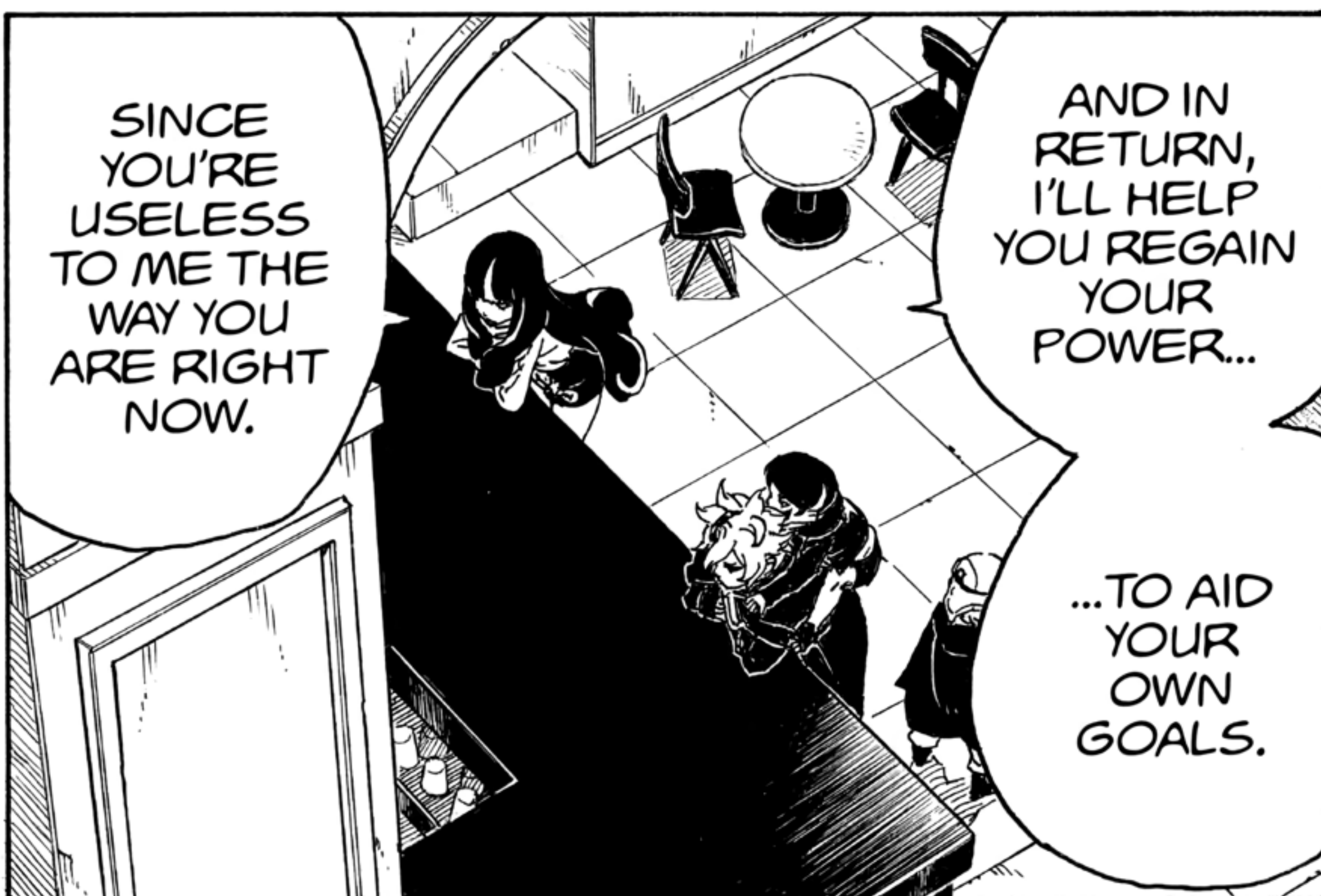
...IS TO
BRING
KAWAKI
TO ME.

YOUR
JOB...



...WE
SIBLINGS...

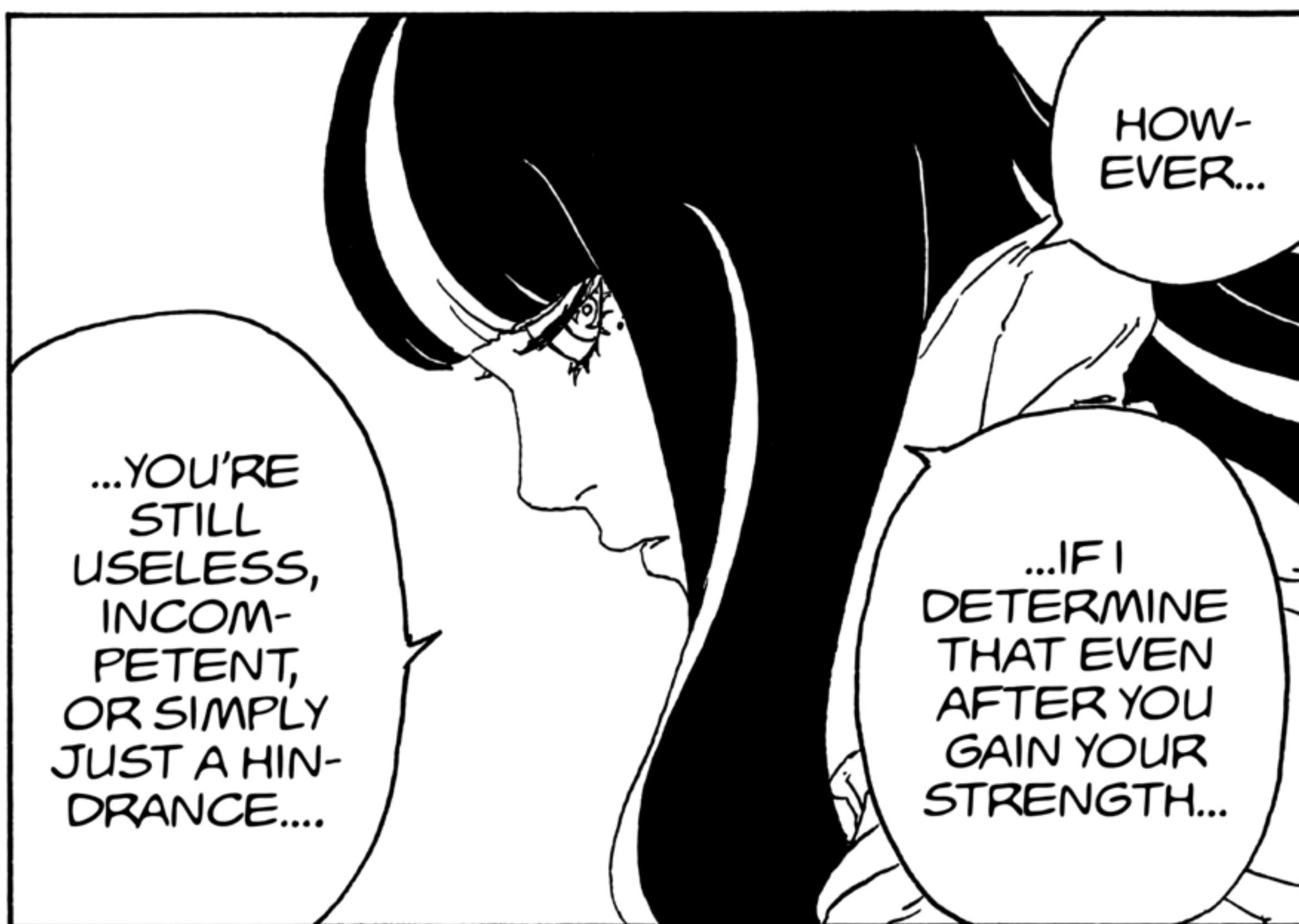
...HAVE
ABSOLUTELY
NO QUALMS
ABOUT
DISPOSING
OF YOU.
CONSIDER
YOURSELF
WARNED.



SINCE
YOU'RE
USELESS
TO ME THE
WAY YOU
ARE RIGHT
NOW.

AND IN
RETURN,
I'LL HELP
YOU REGAIN
YOUR
POWER...

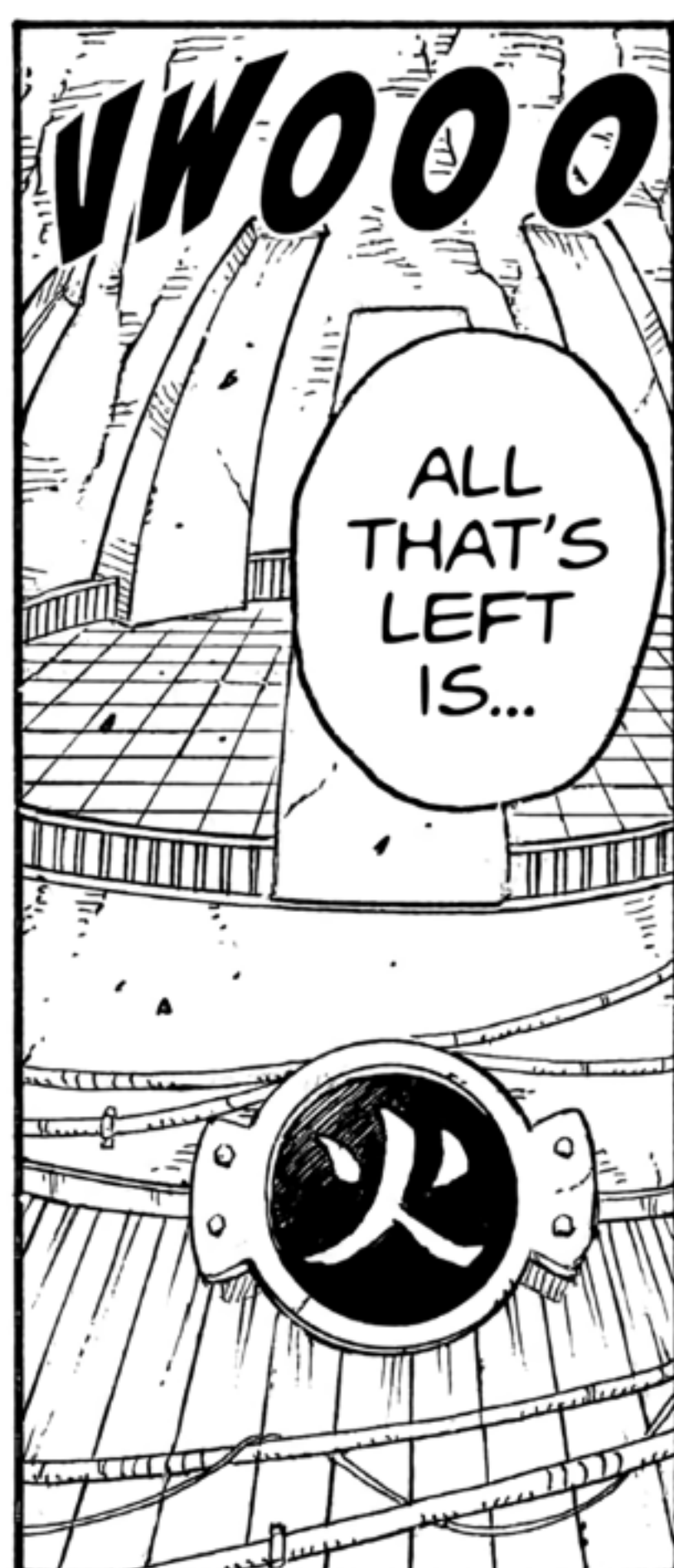
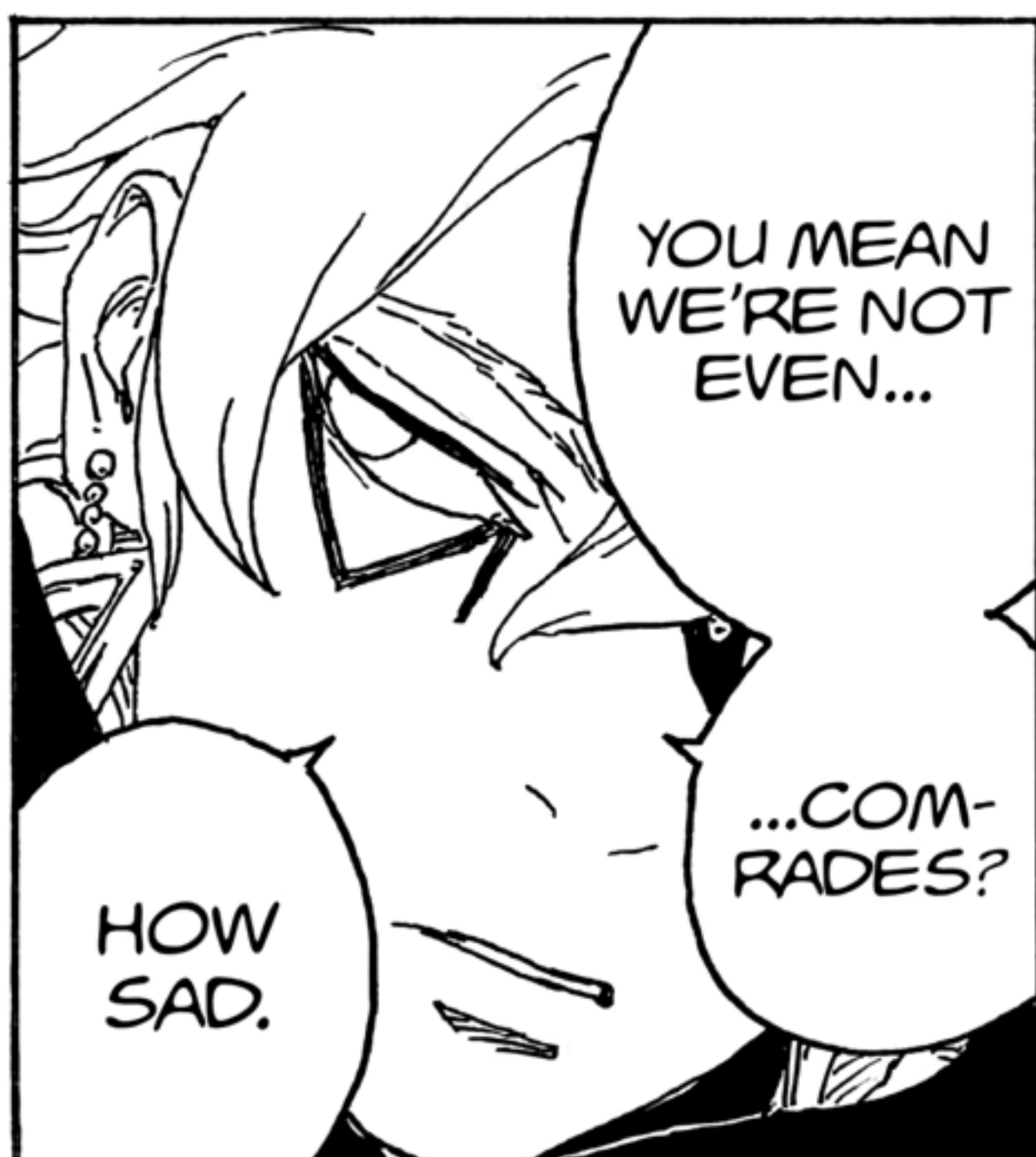
...TO AID
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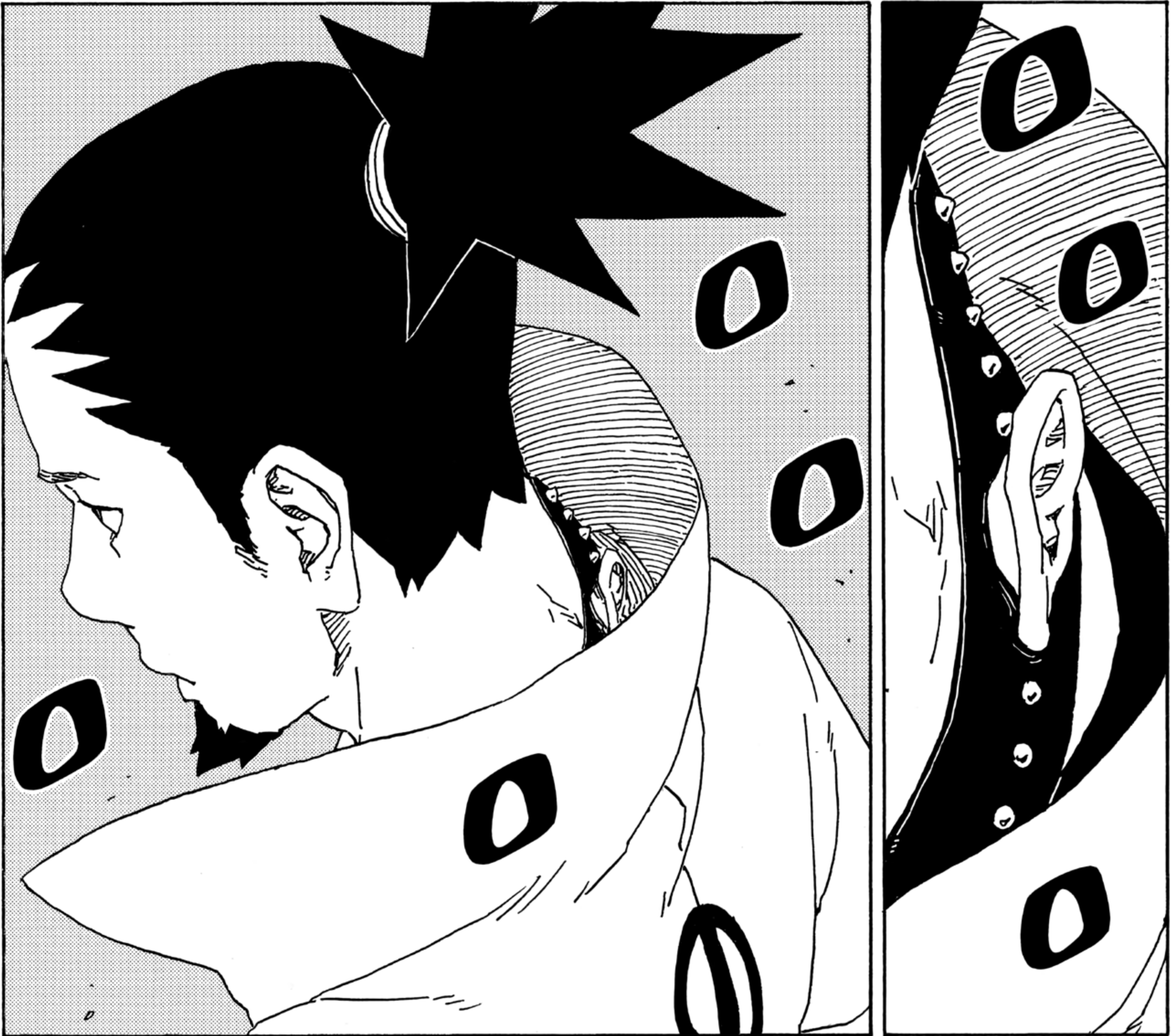


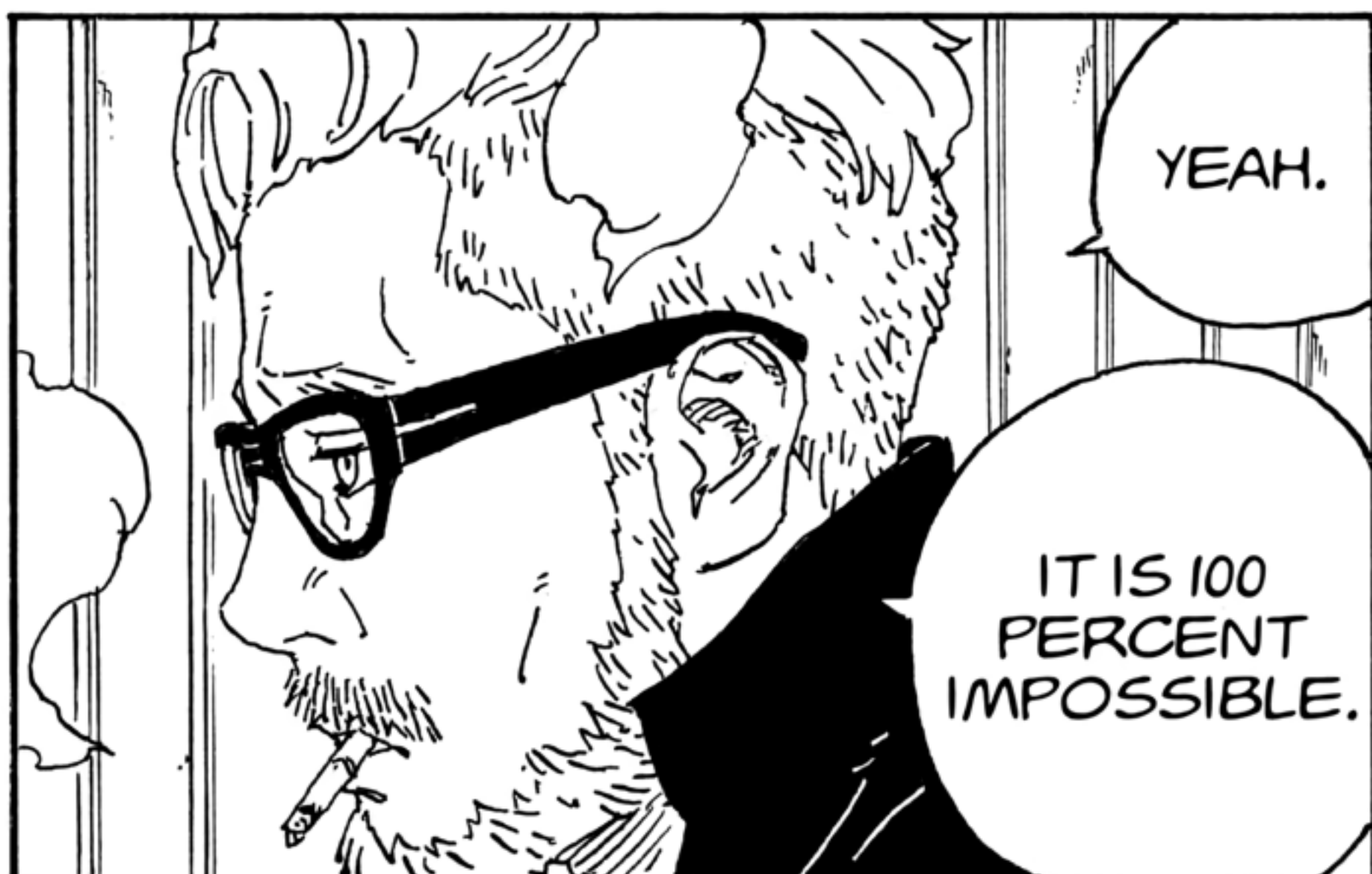
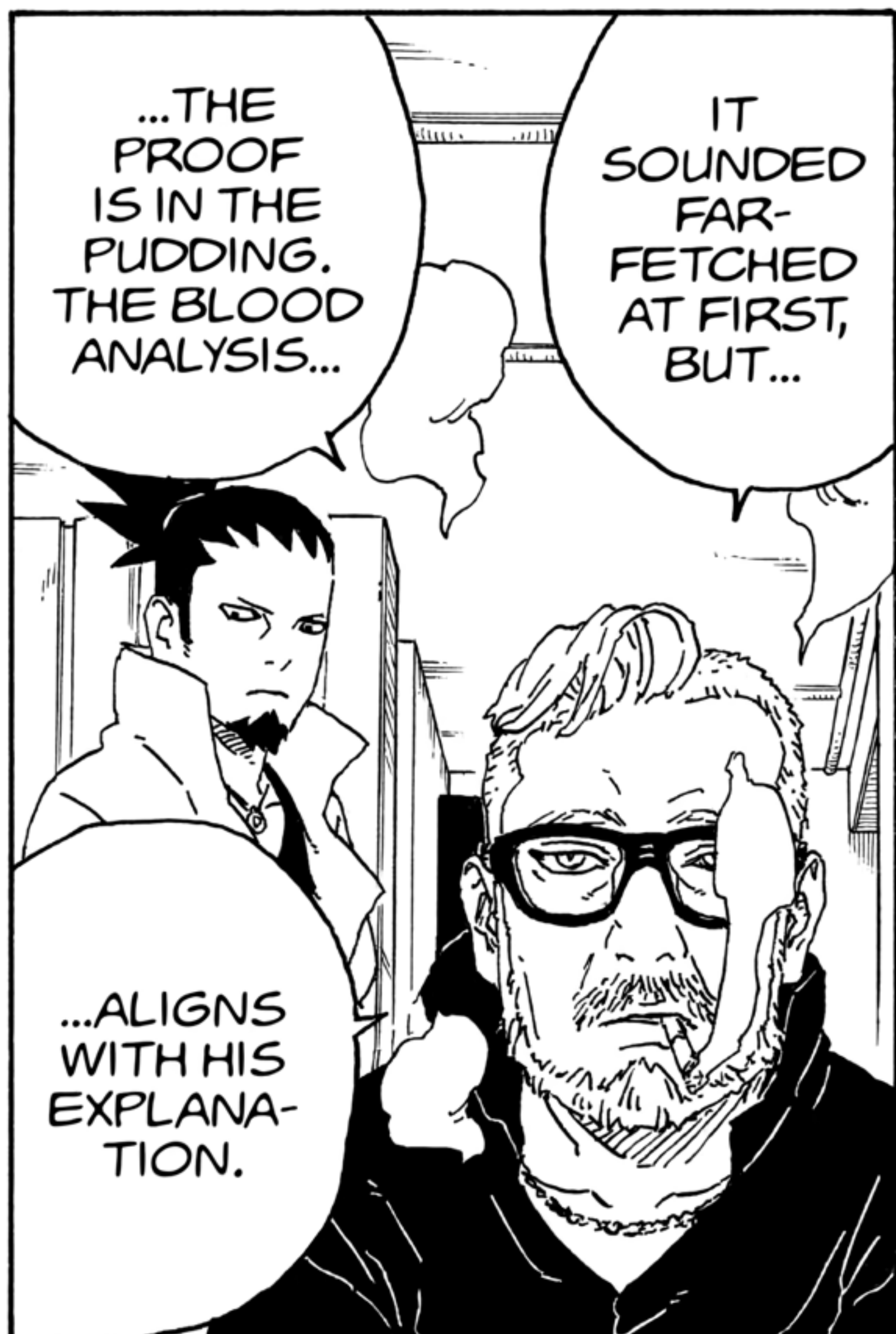
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EVER...

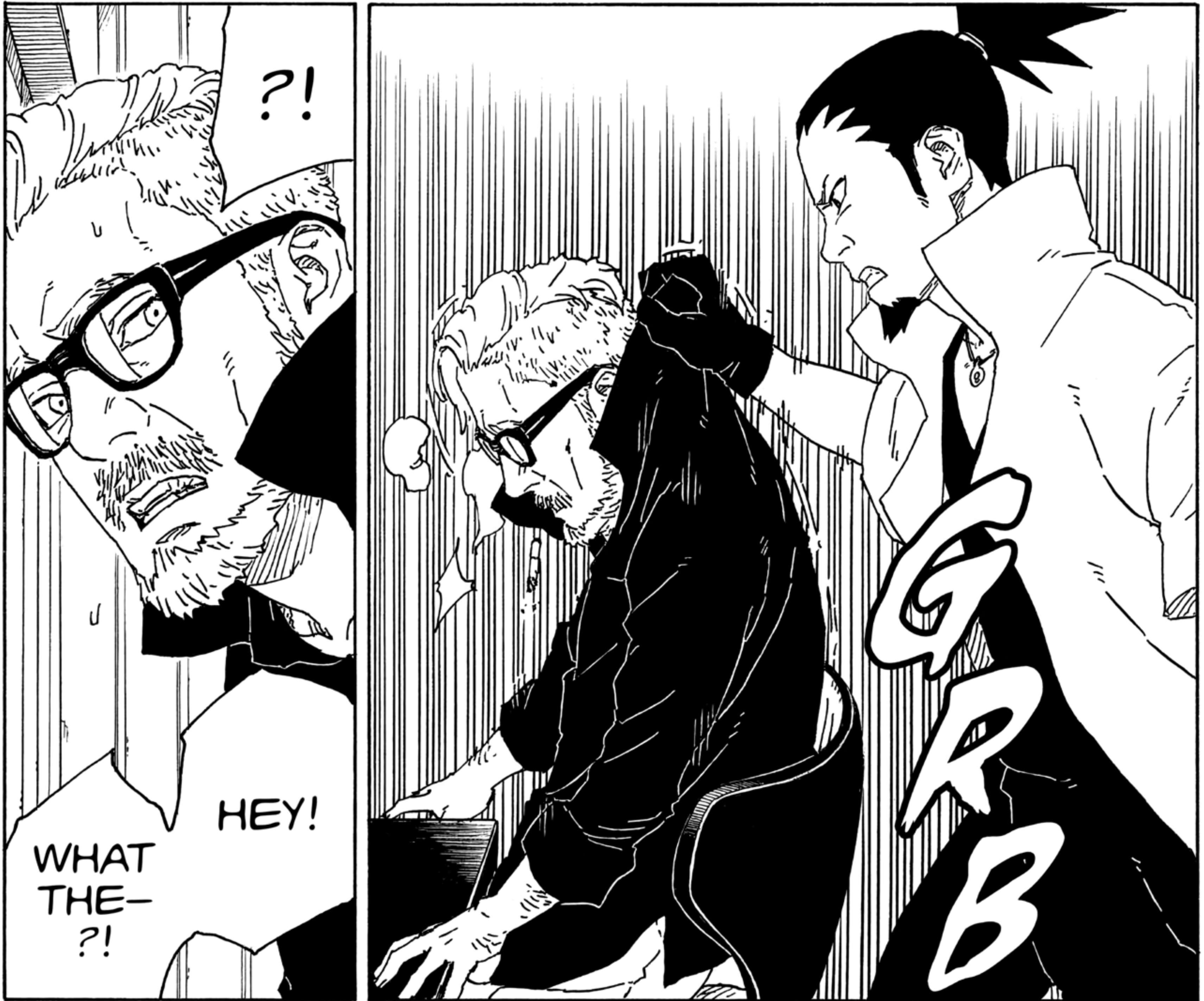
...YOU'RE
STILL
USELESS,
INCOM-
PETENT,
OR SIMPLY
JUST A HIN-
DRANCE....

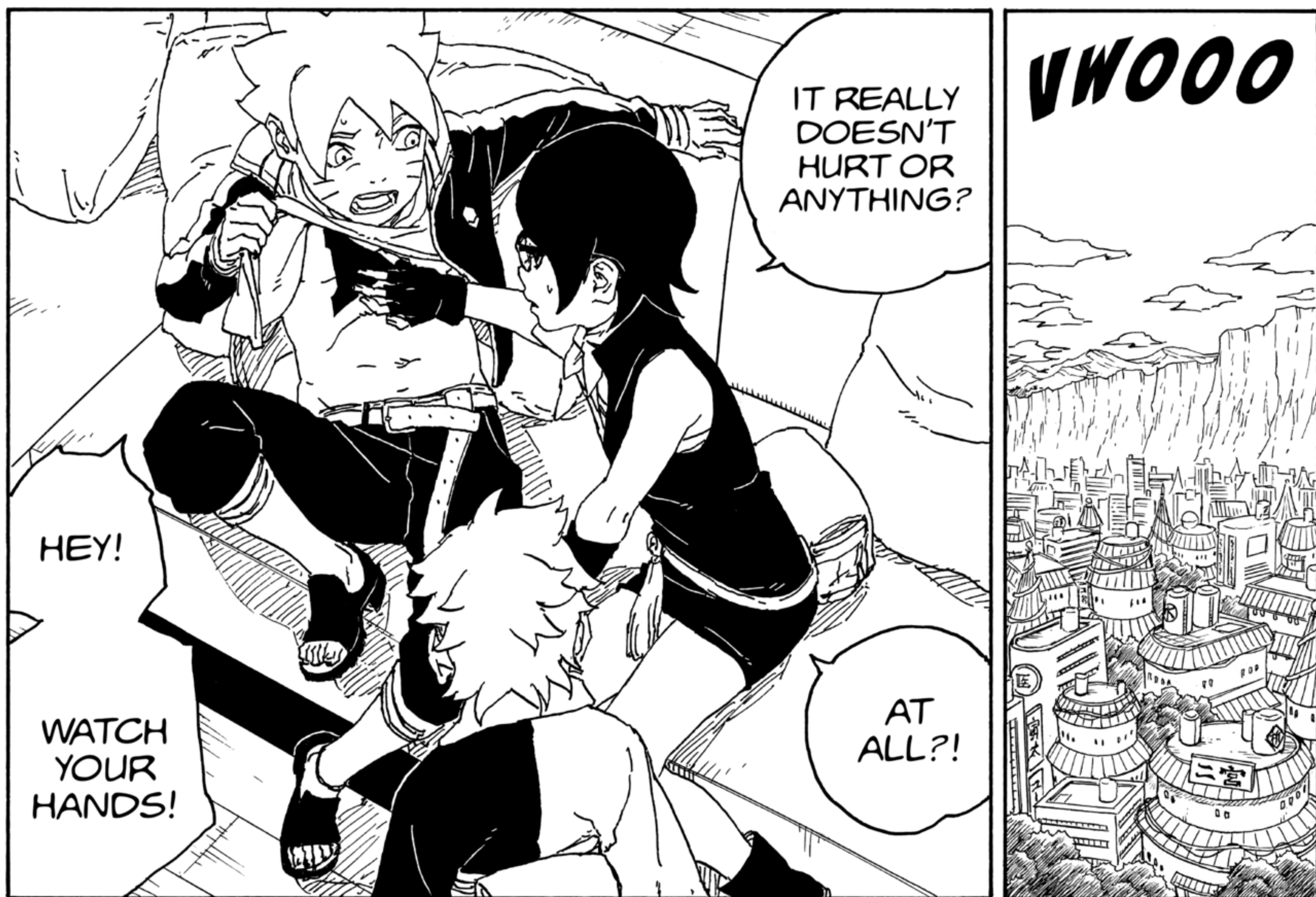
...IF I
DETERMINE
THAT EVEN
AFTER YOU
GAIN YOUR
STRENGTH...

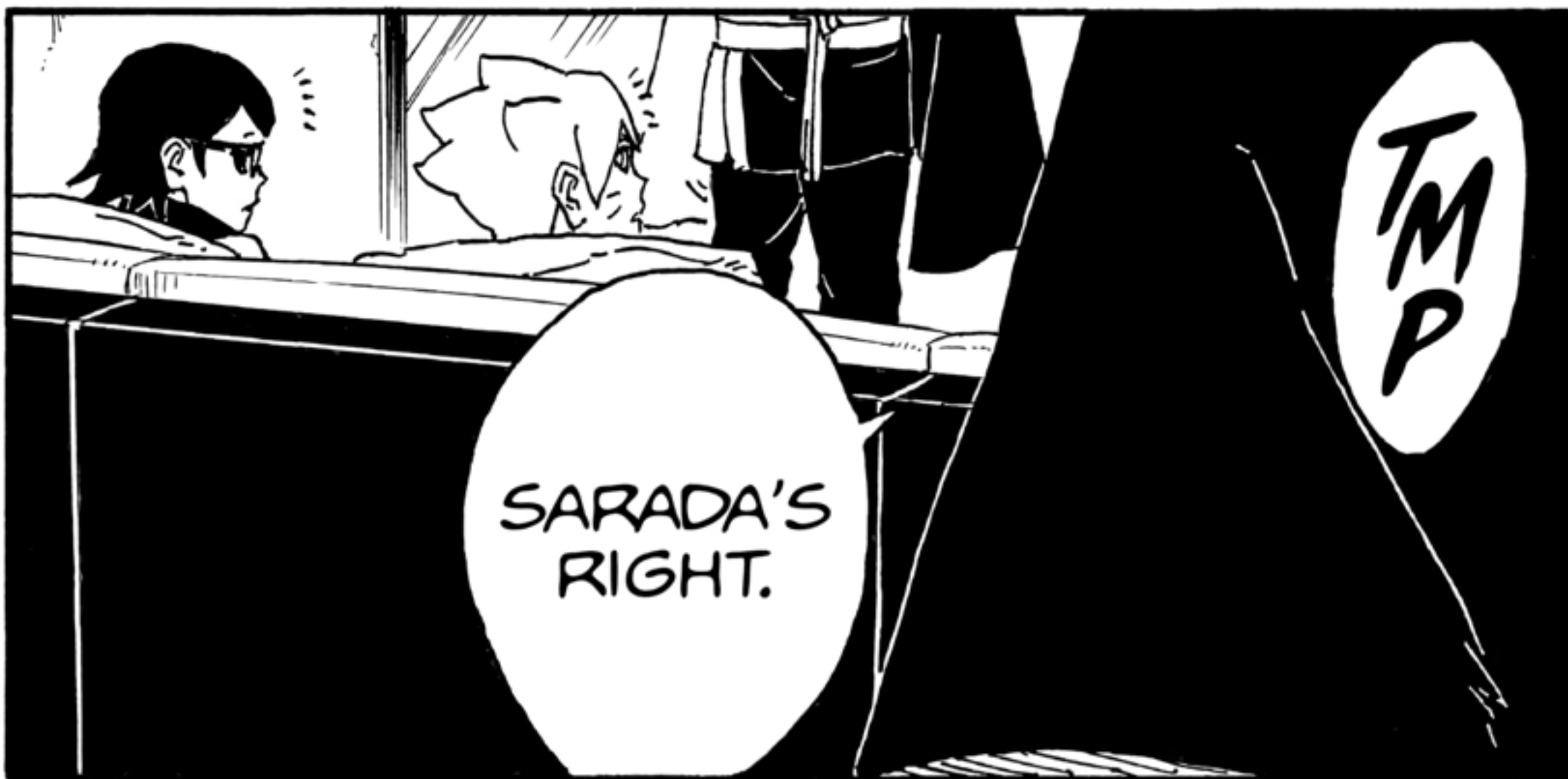
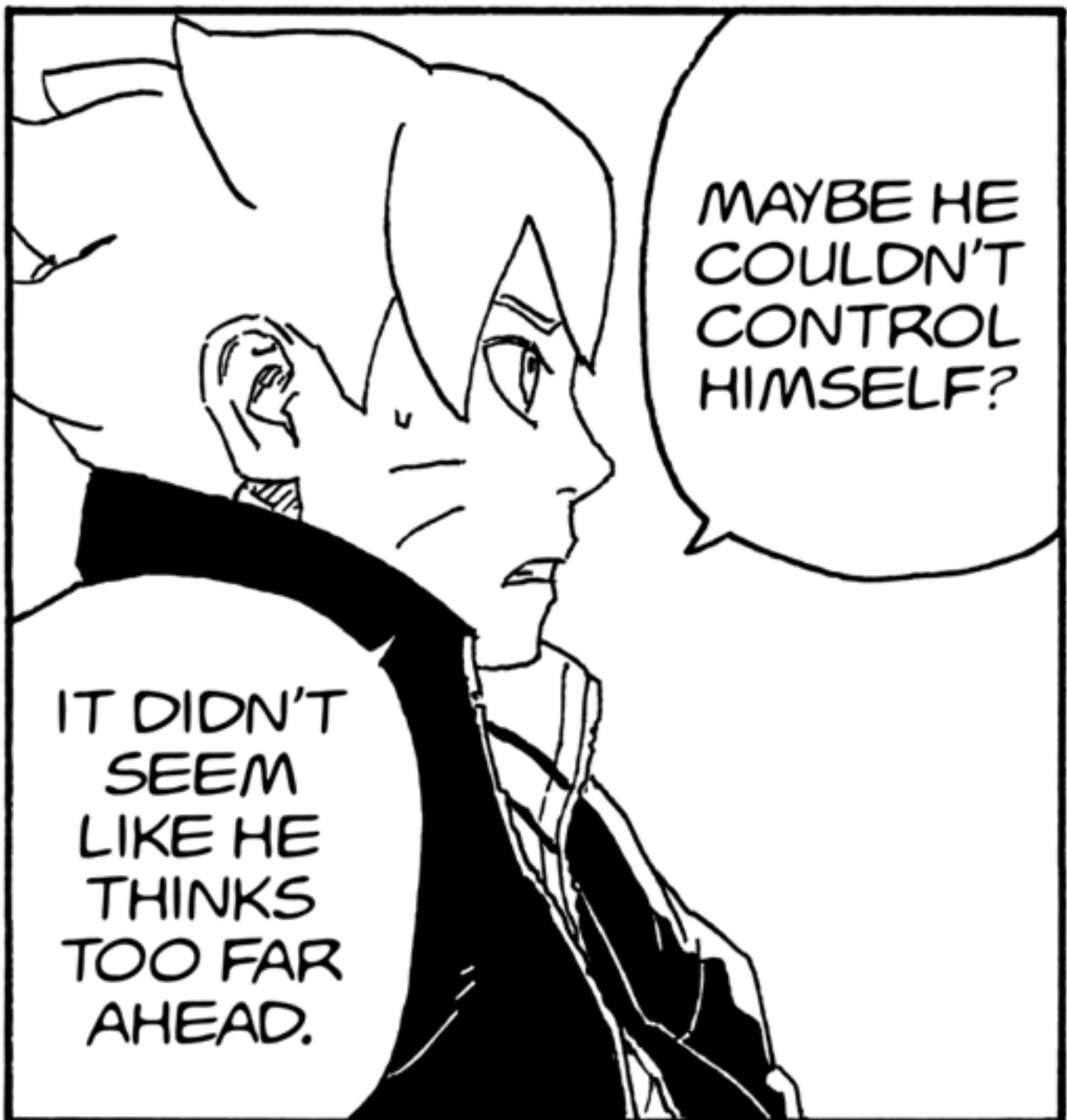
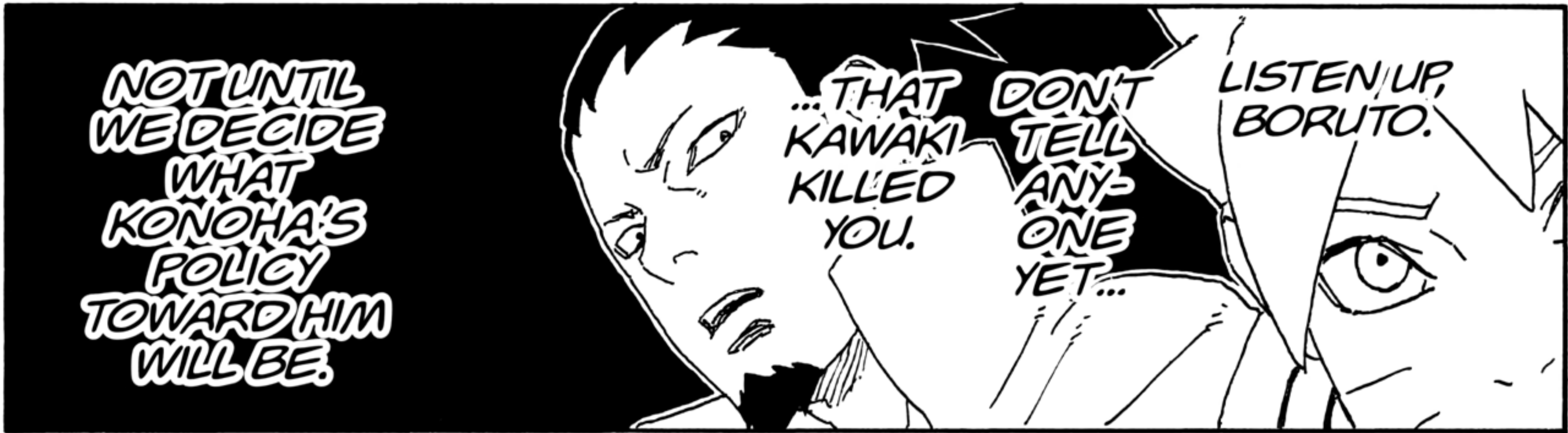


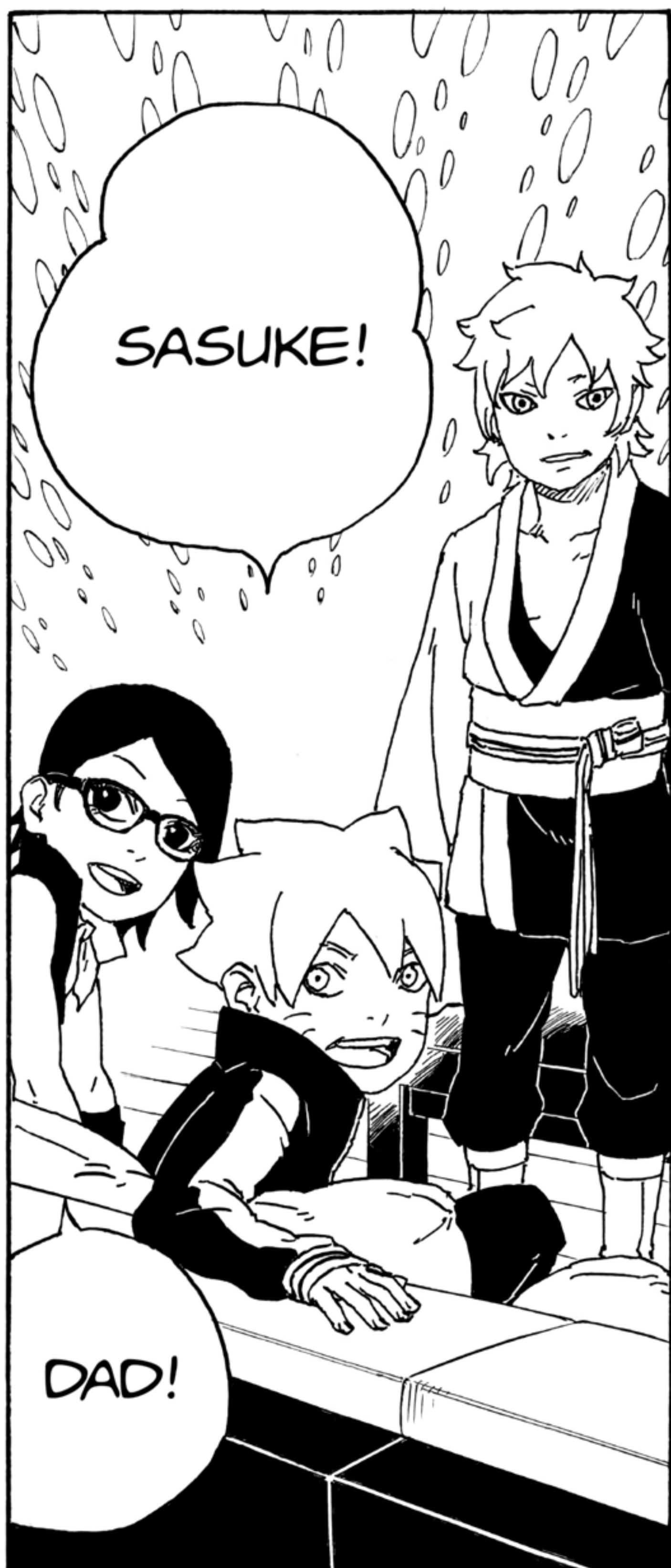


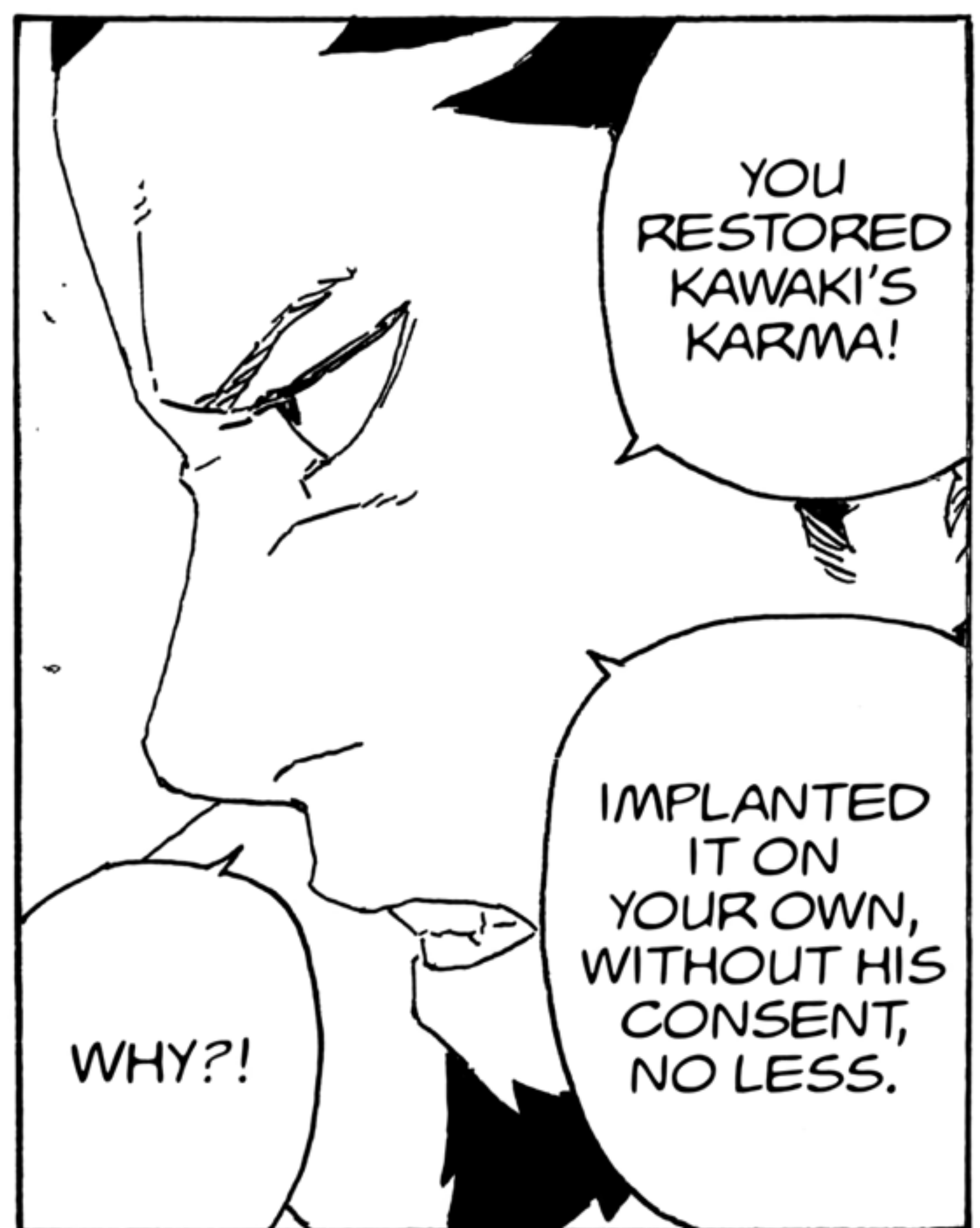
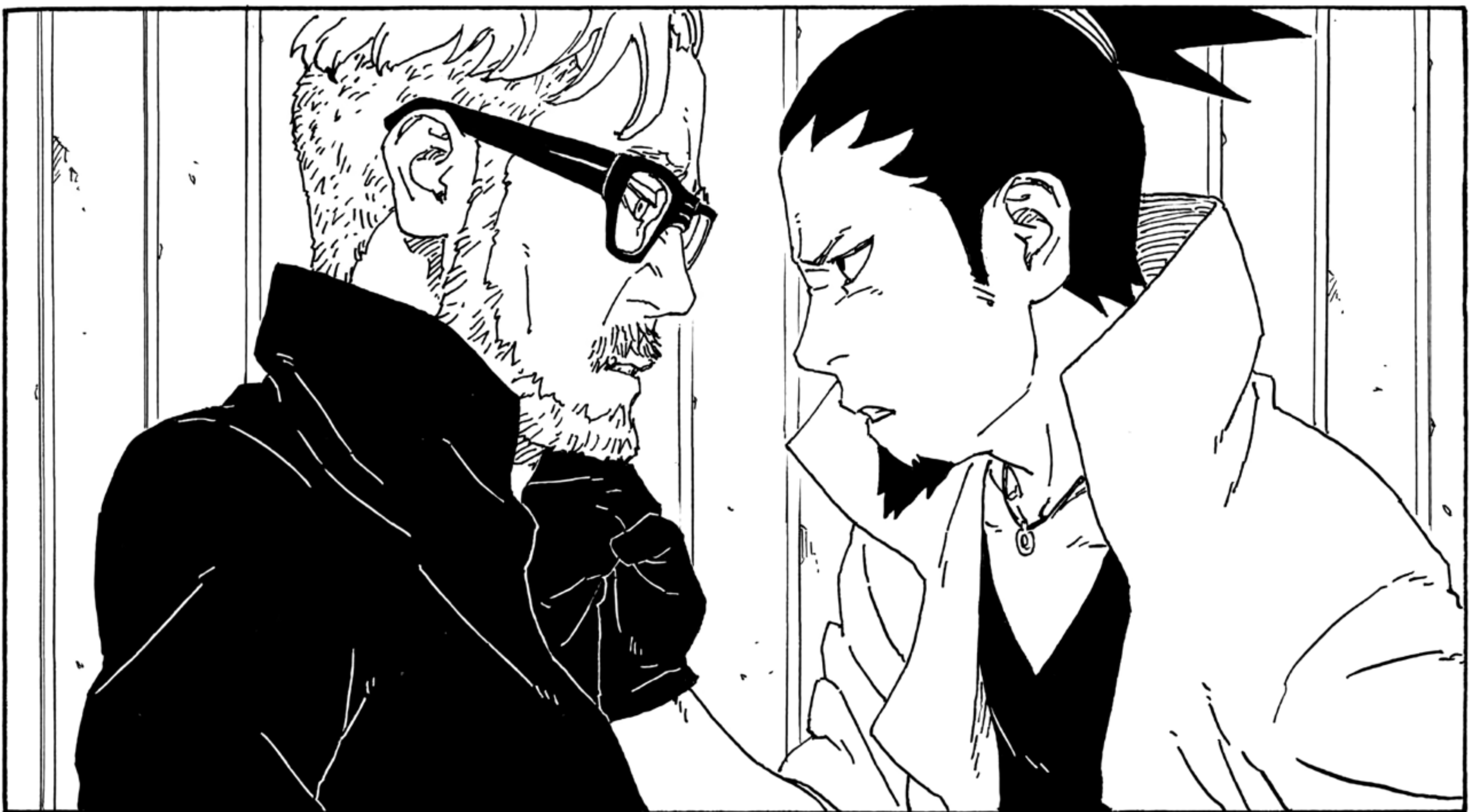
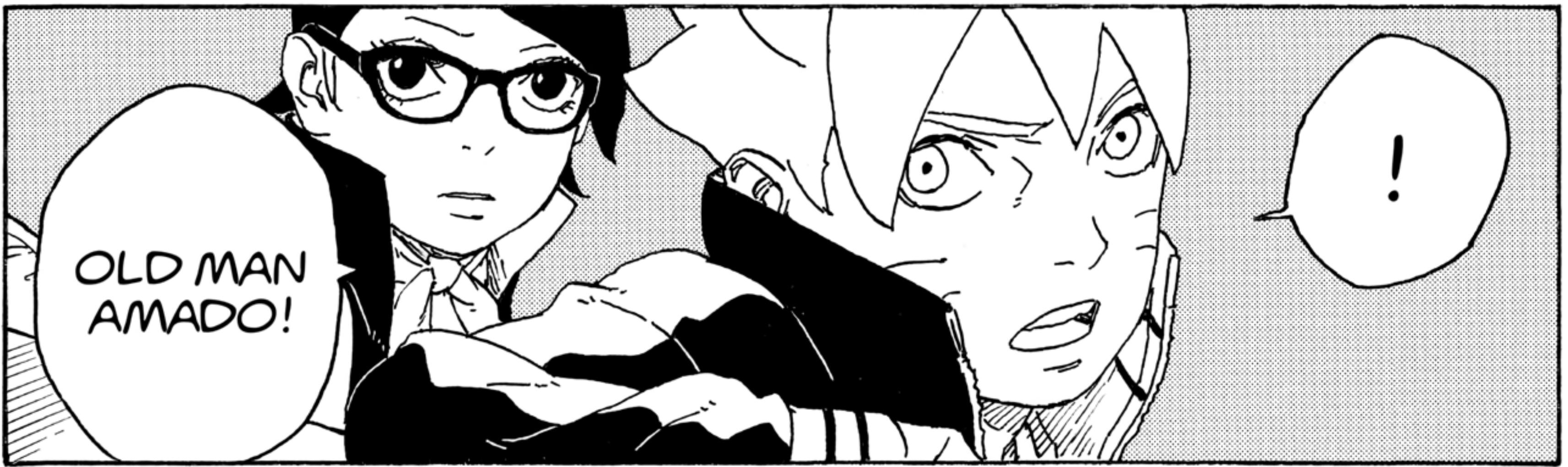


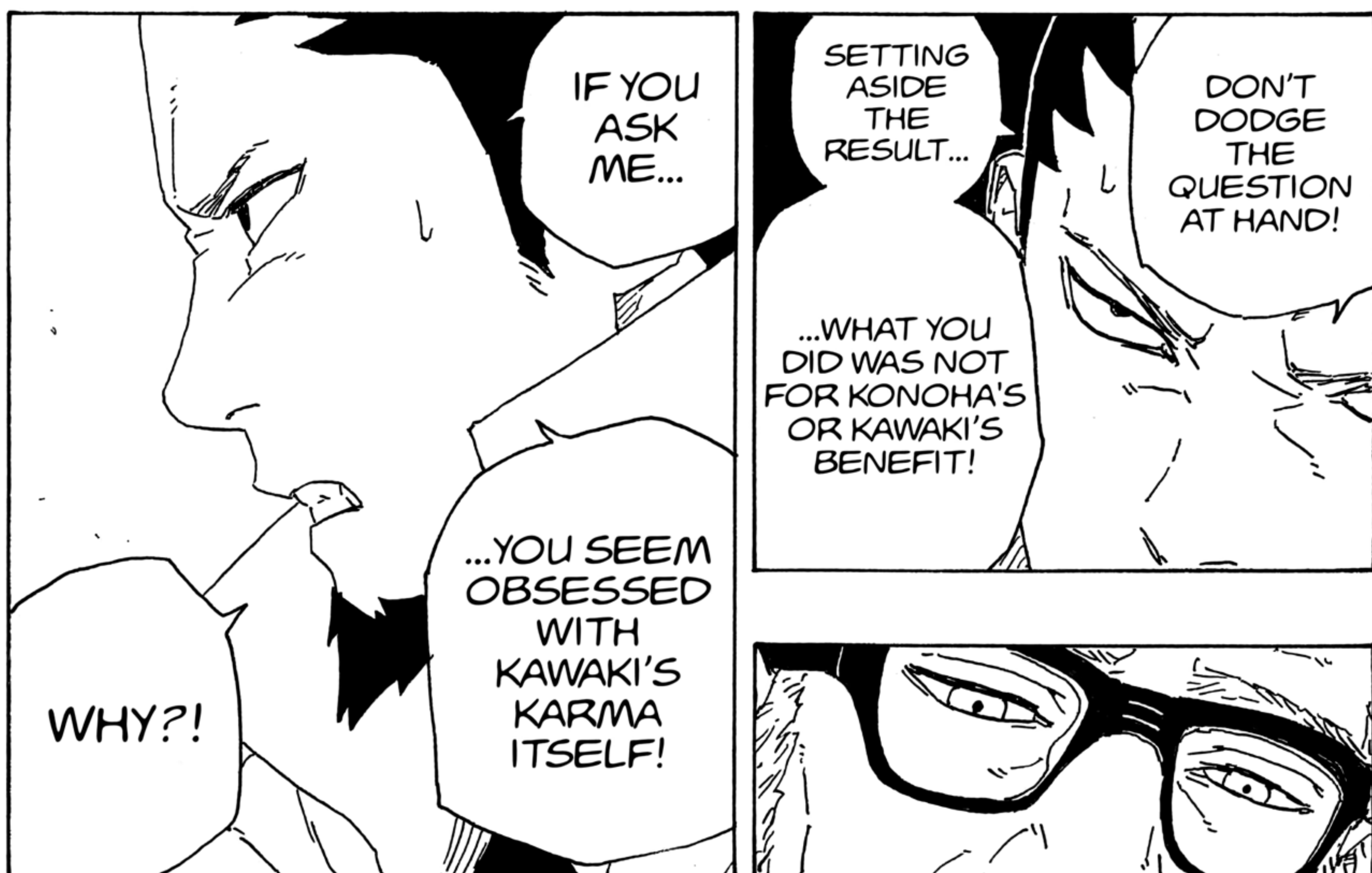
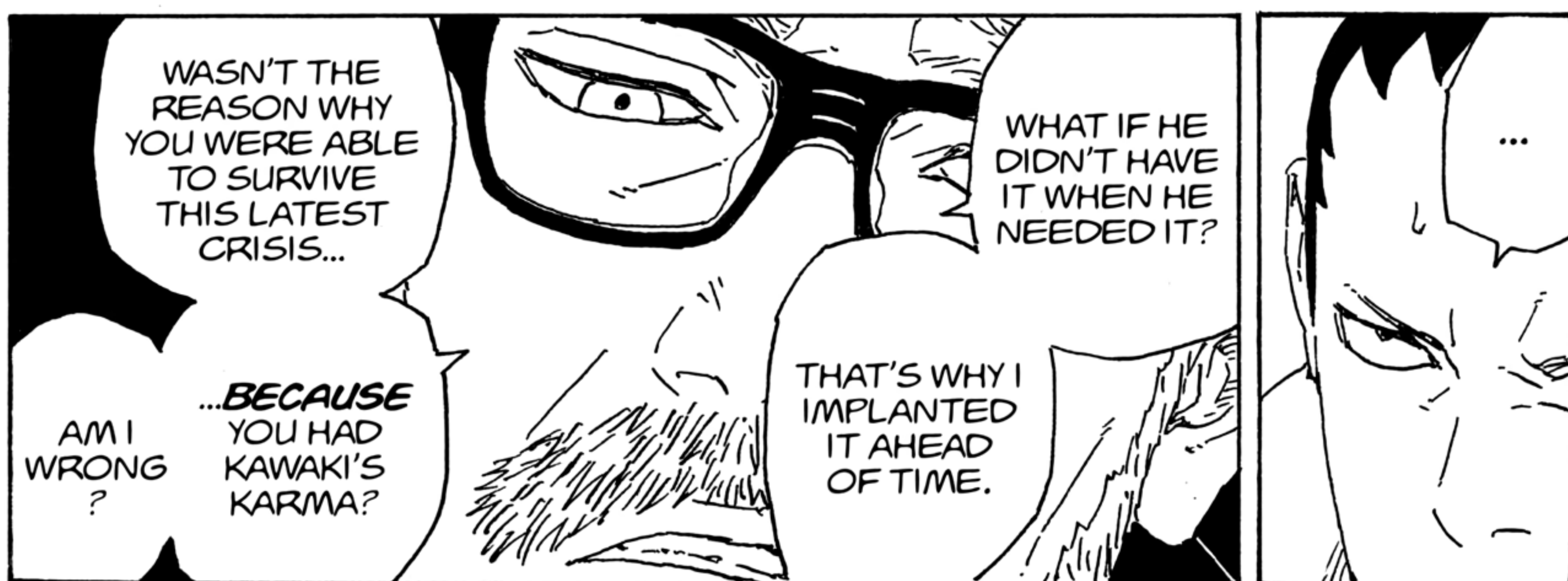


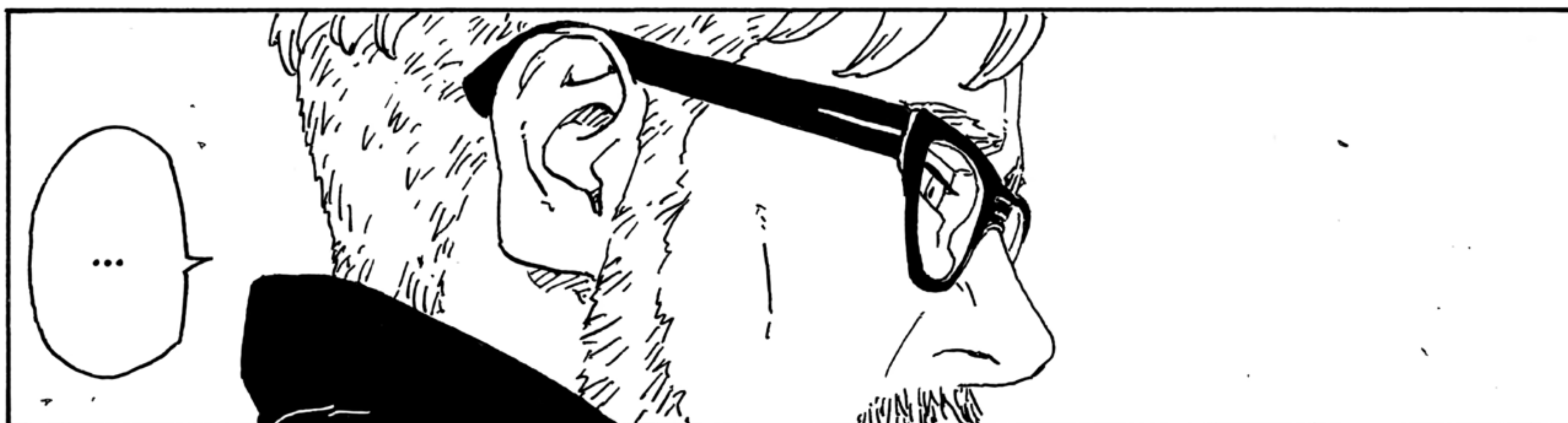


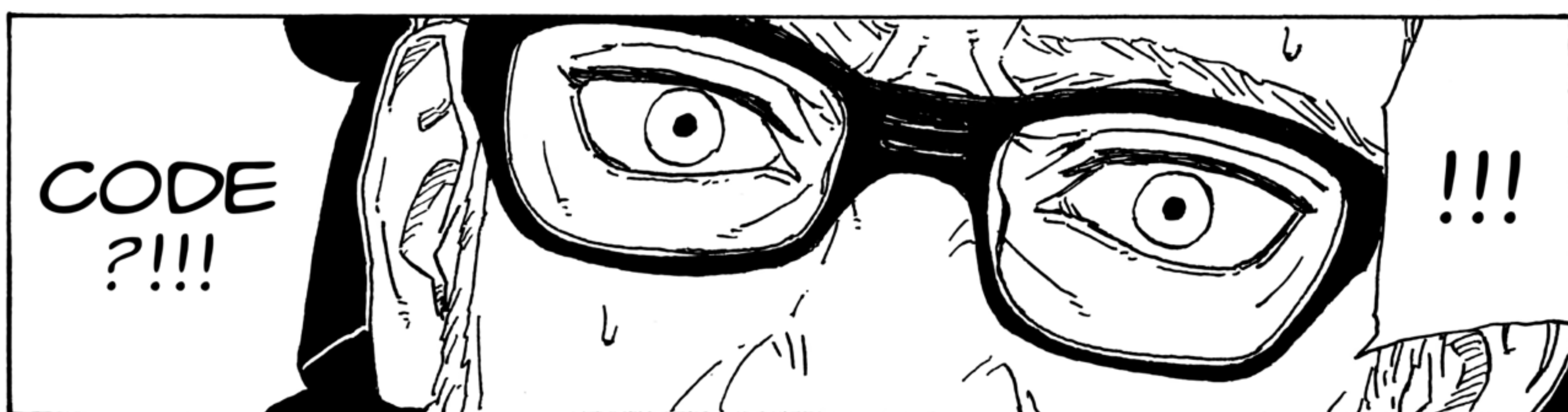


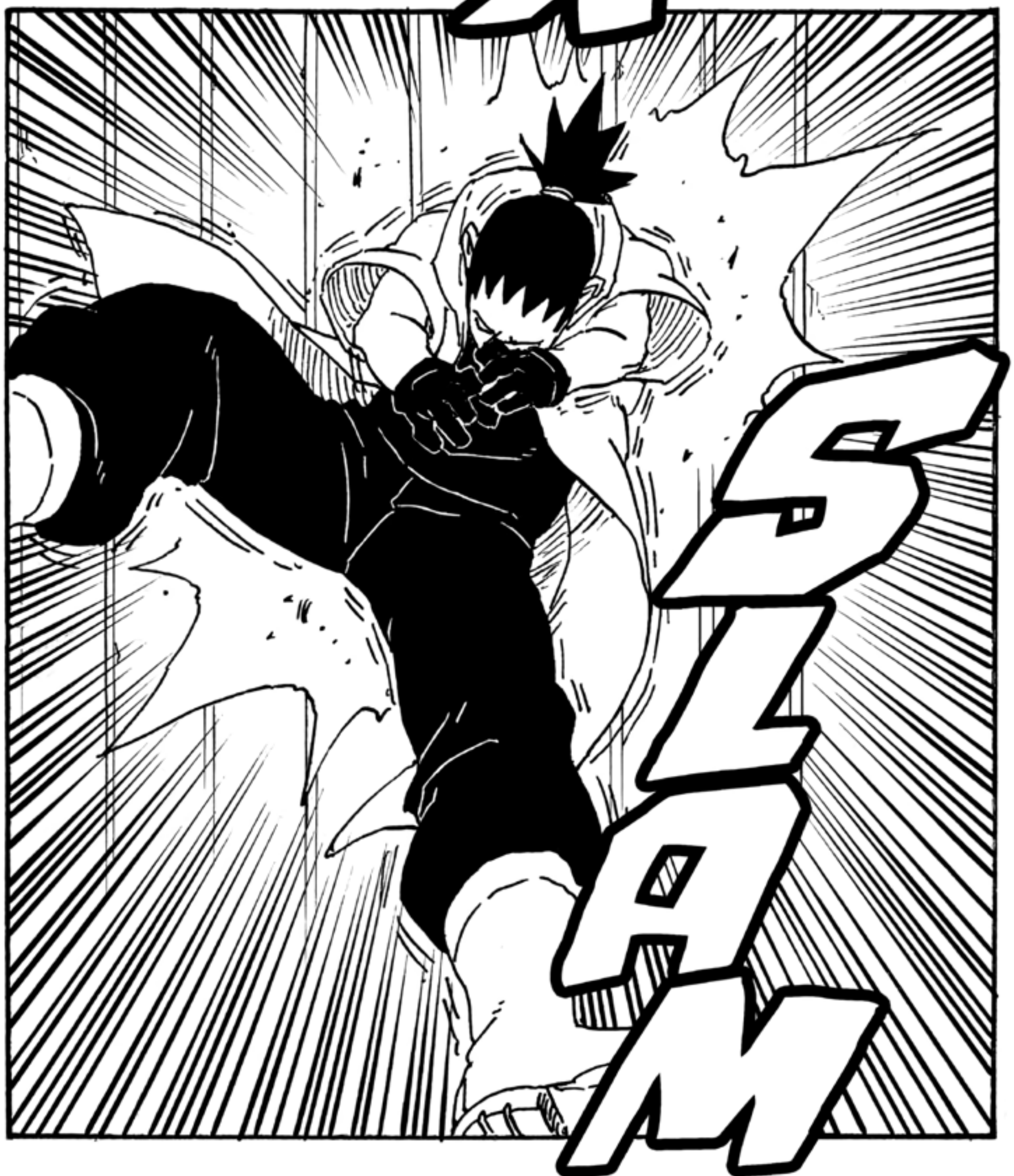


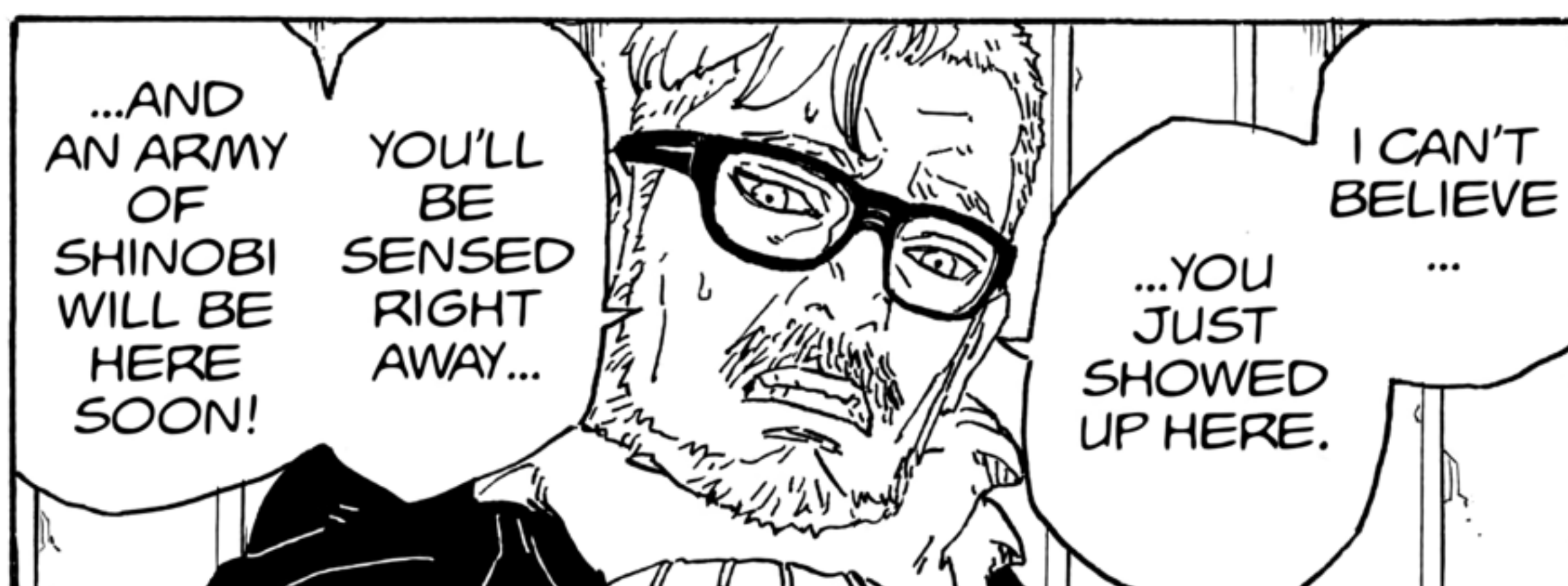


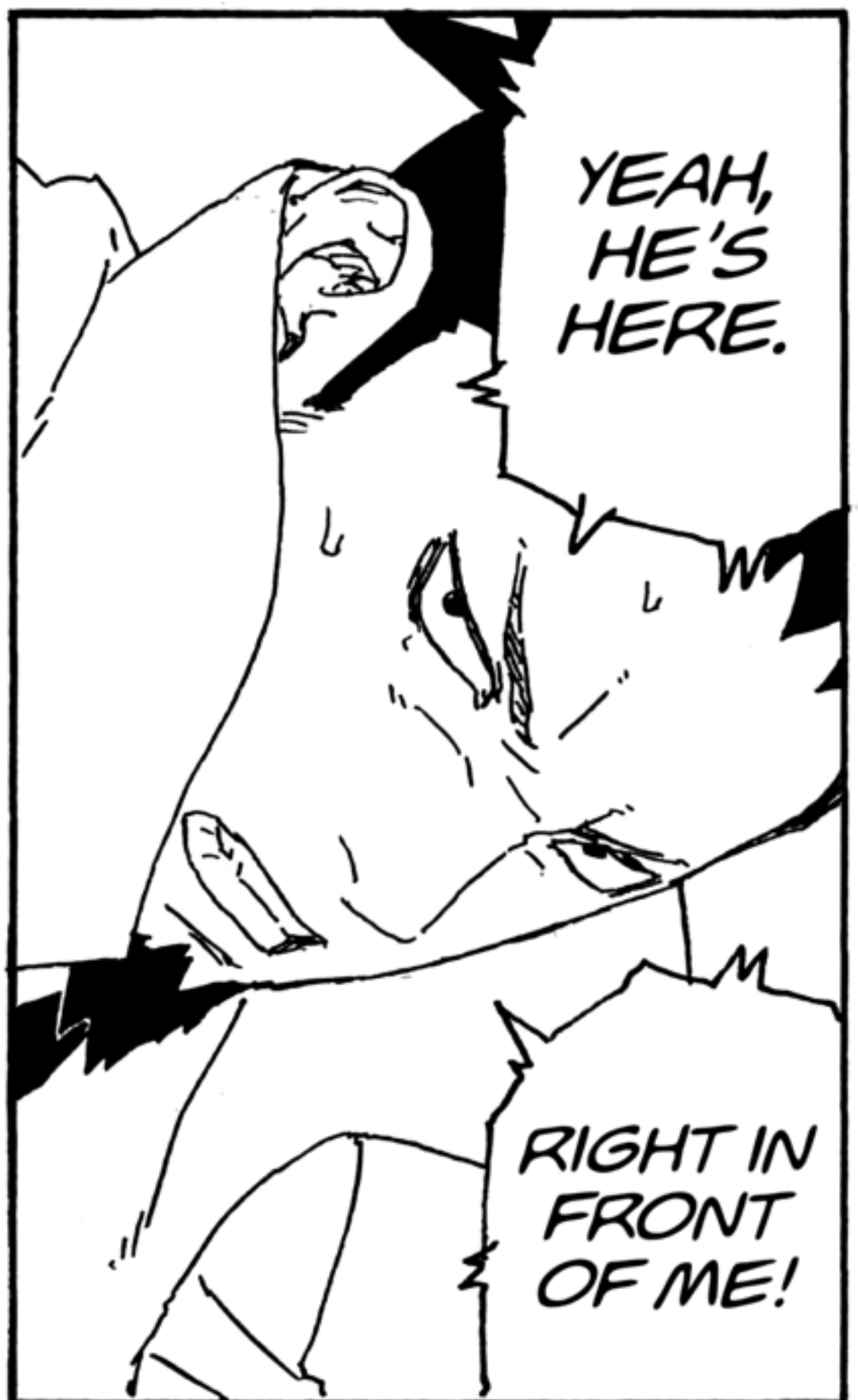
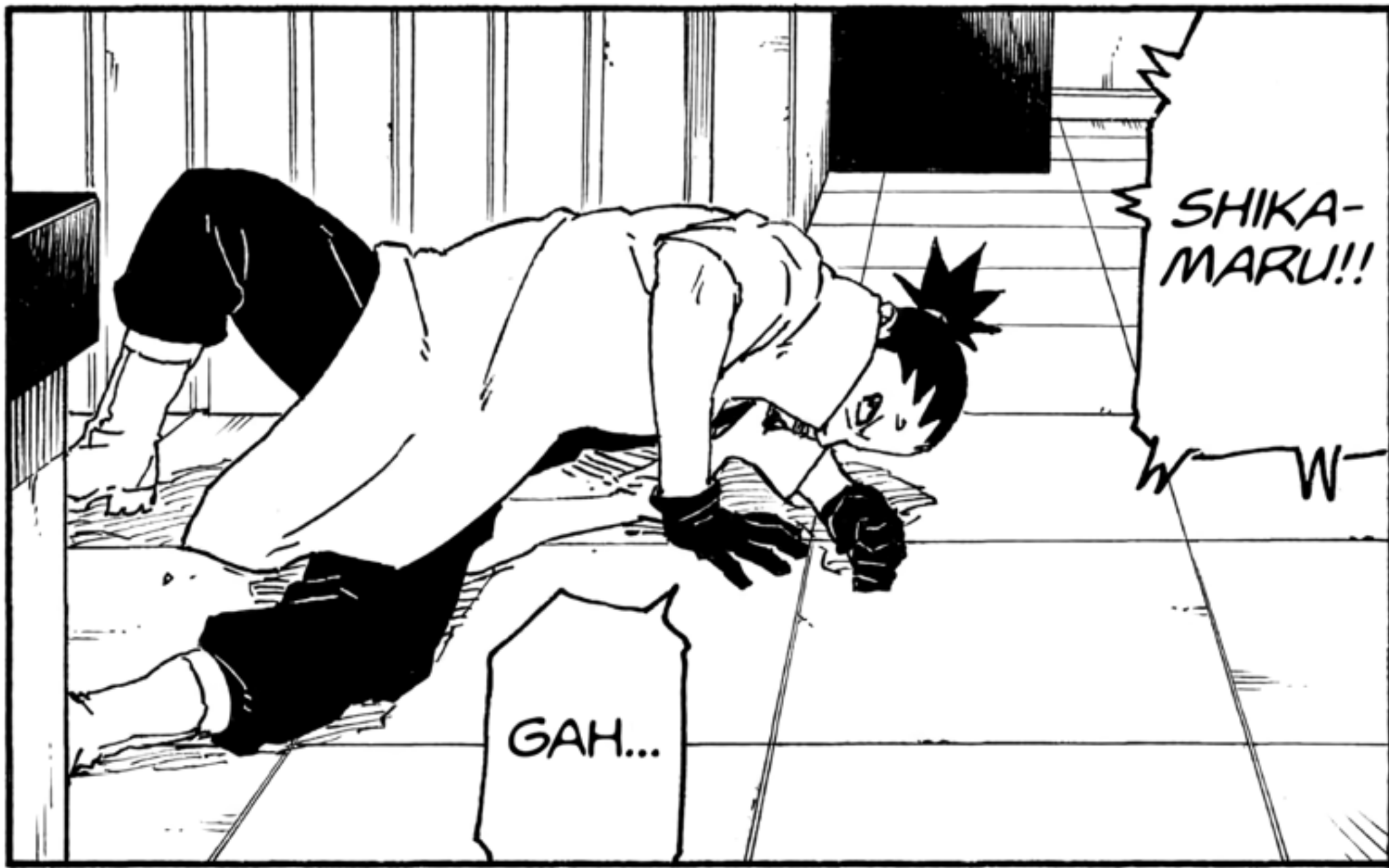


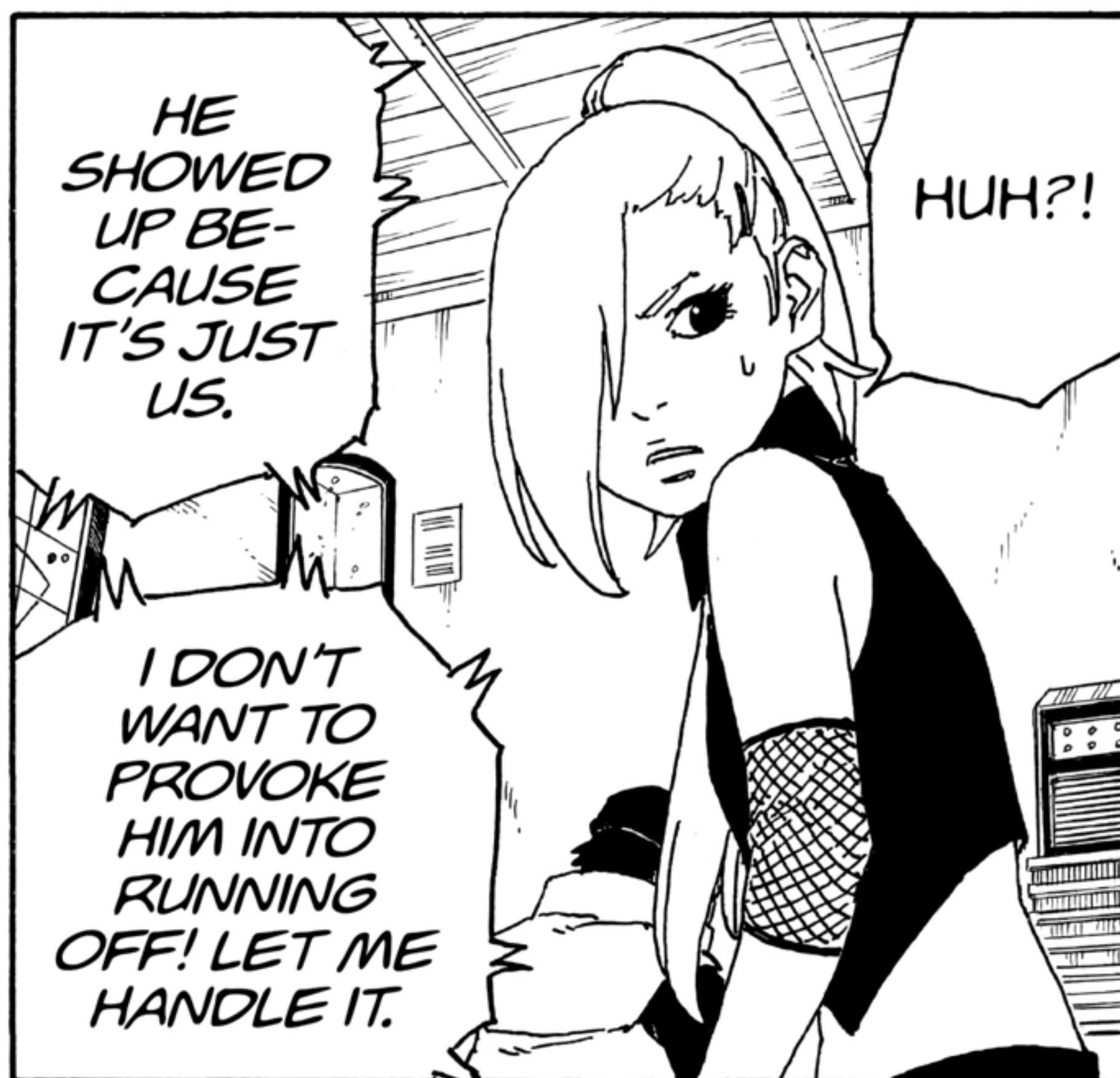












HE
SHOWED
UP BE-
CAUSE
IT'S JUST
US.

HUH?!

I DON'T
WANT TO
PROVOKE
HIM INTO
RUNNING
OFF! LET ME
HANDLE IT.



JUST
INFORM
NARUTO
AND THE
OTHERS.

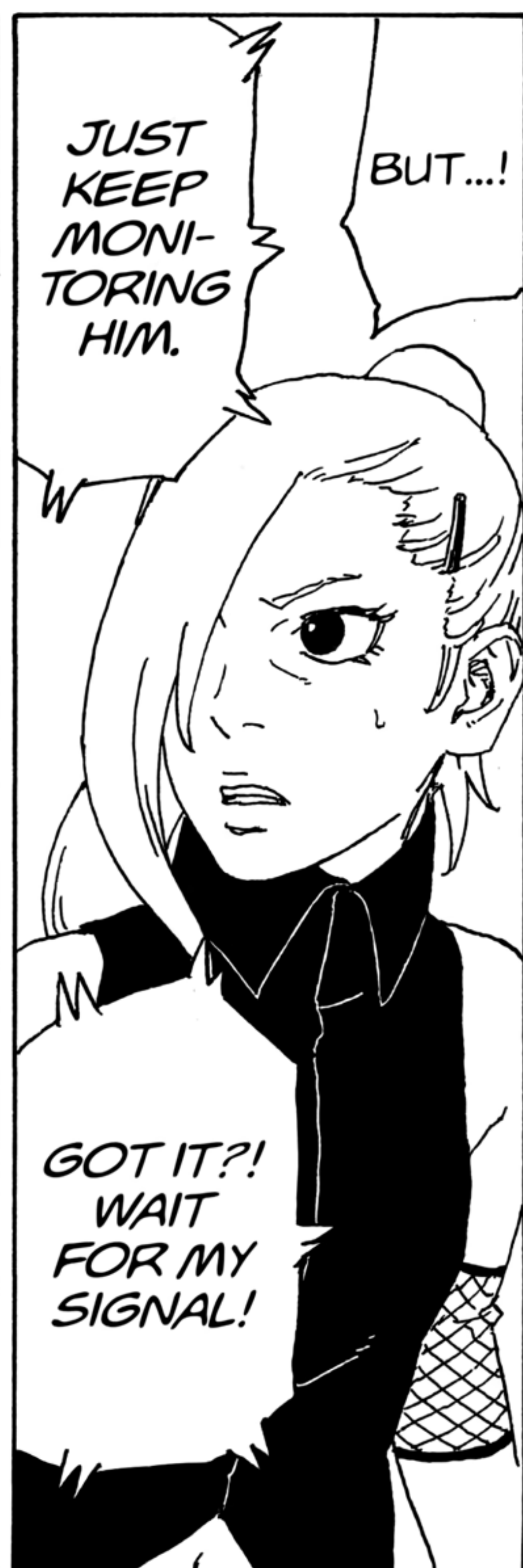
DON'T
SEND
ANYONE
HERE...
YET.



SHIKA-
MARU!!



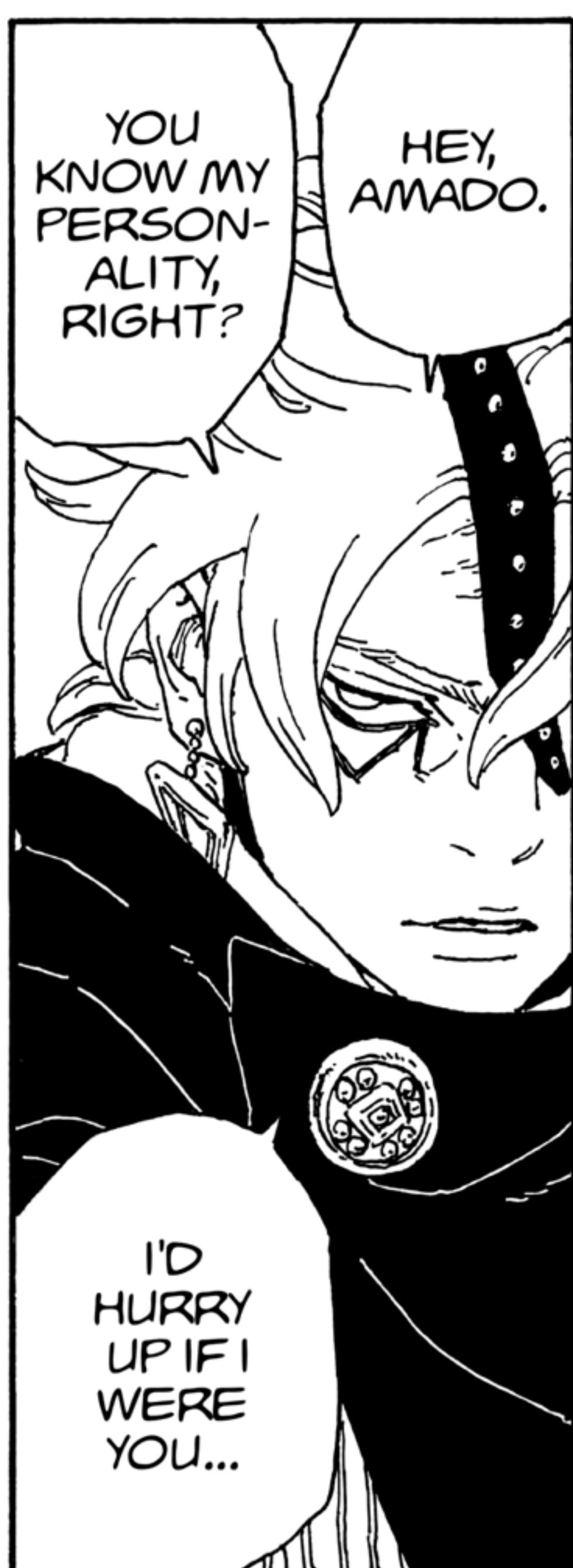
SHADOW
POSSES-
SION
JUTSU!!

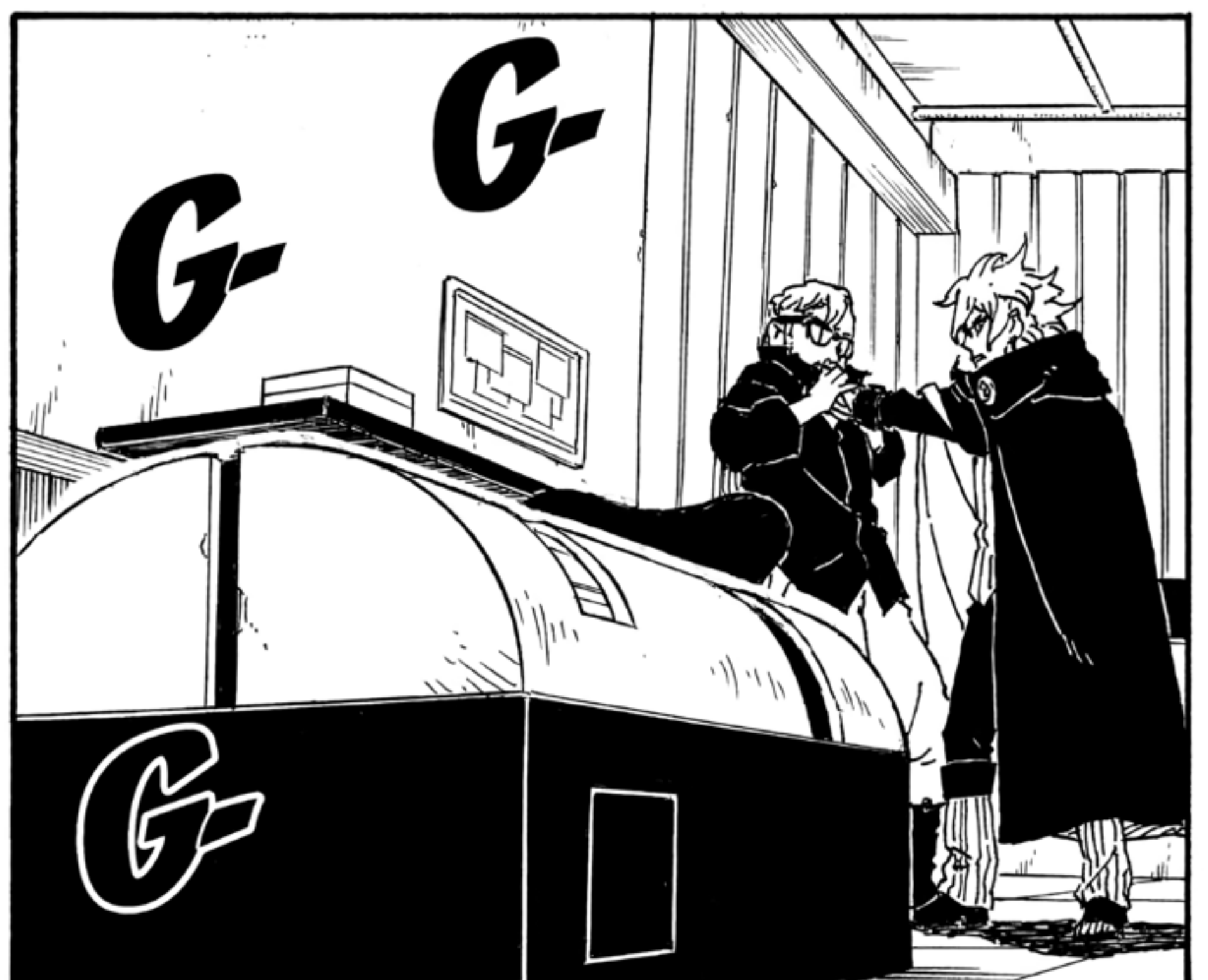
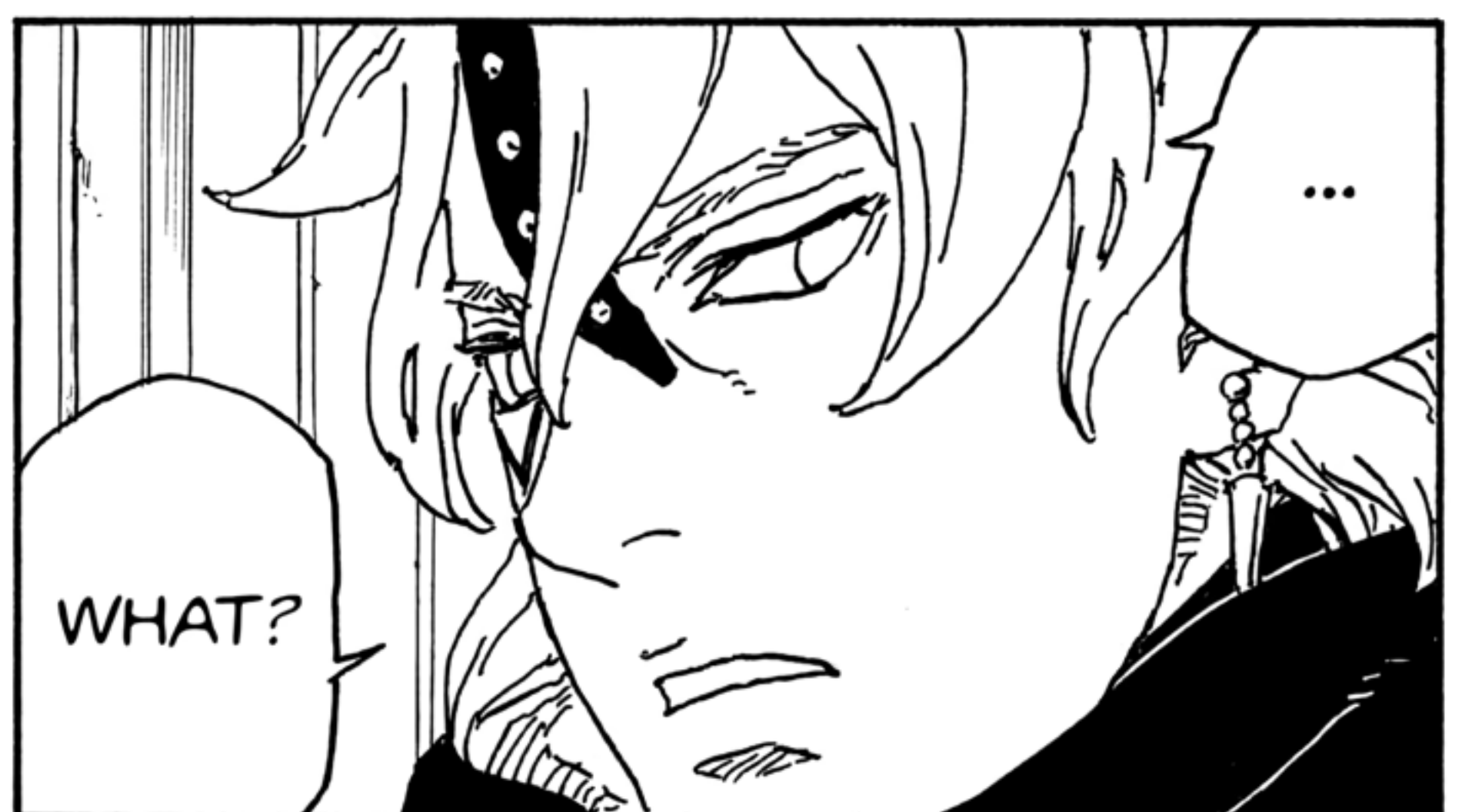
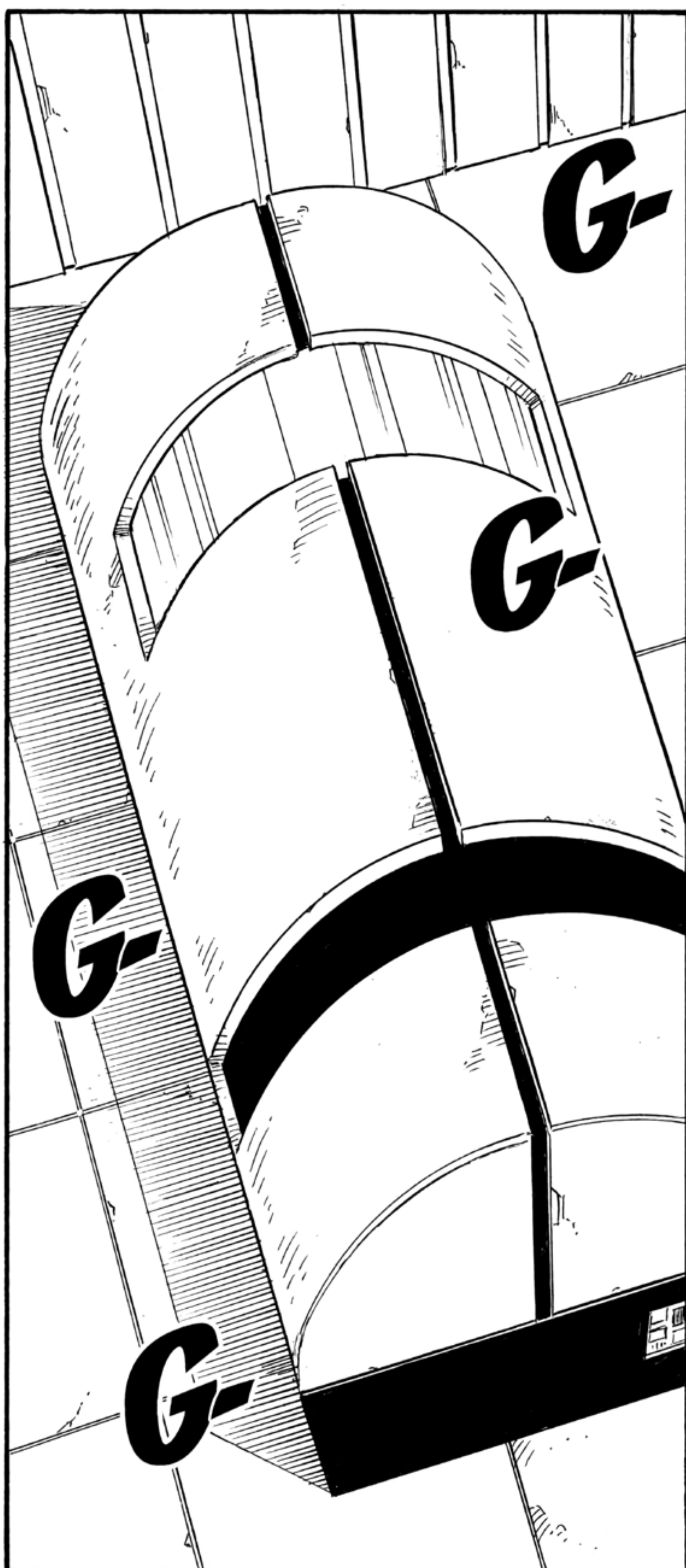


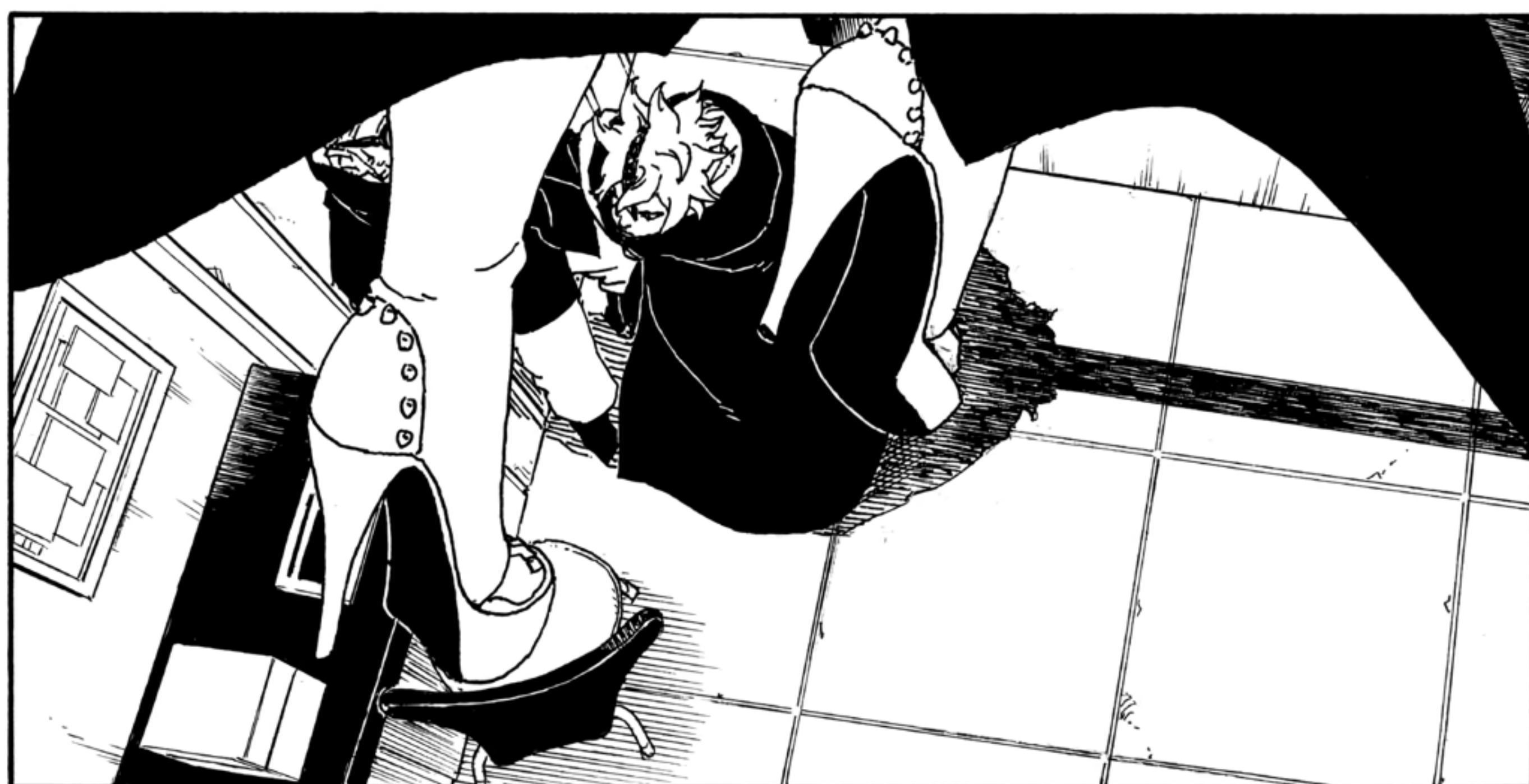
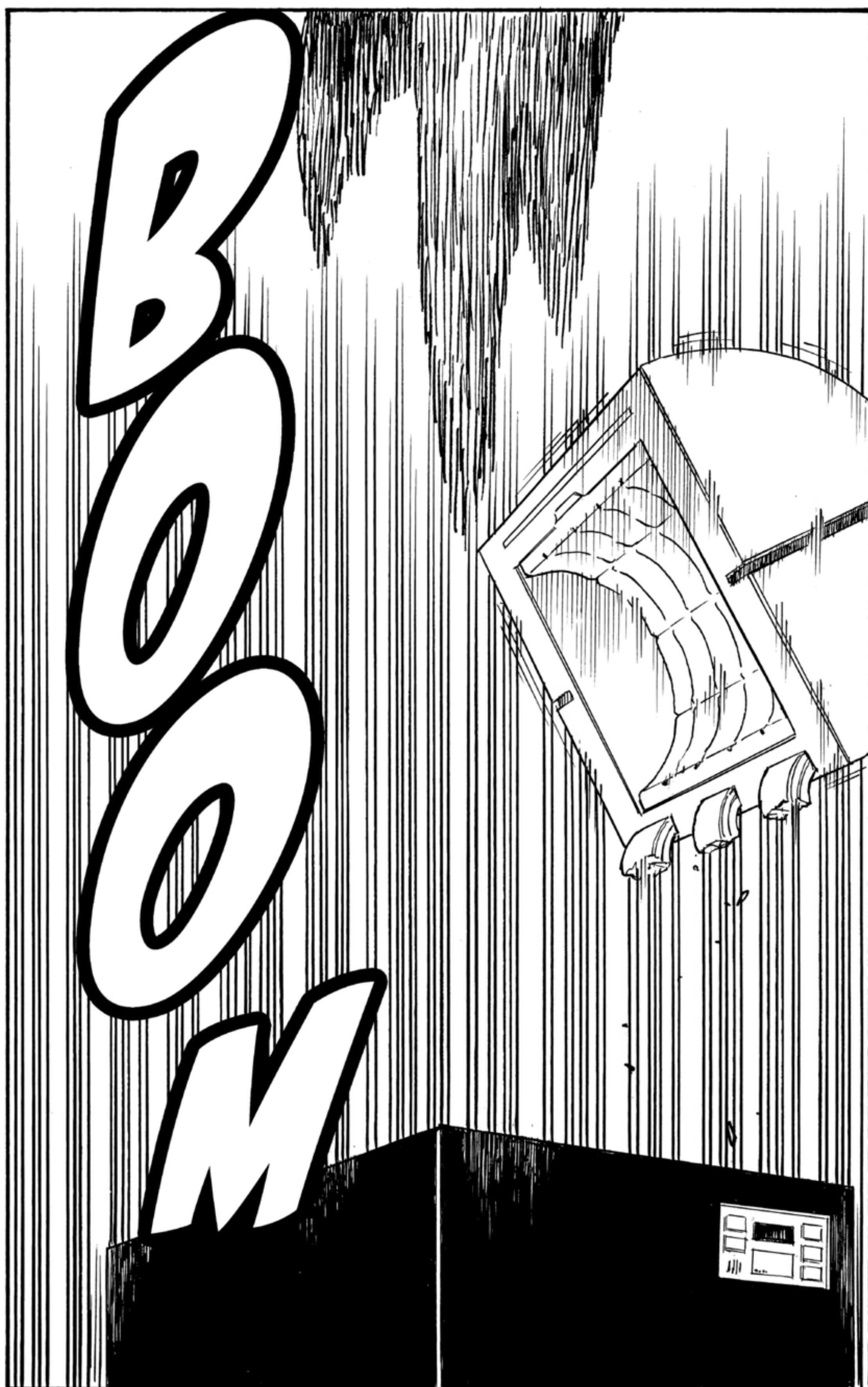
JUST
KEEP
MONI-
TORING
HIM.

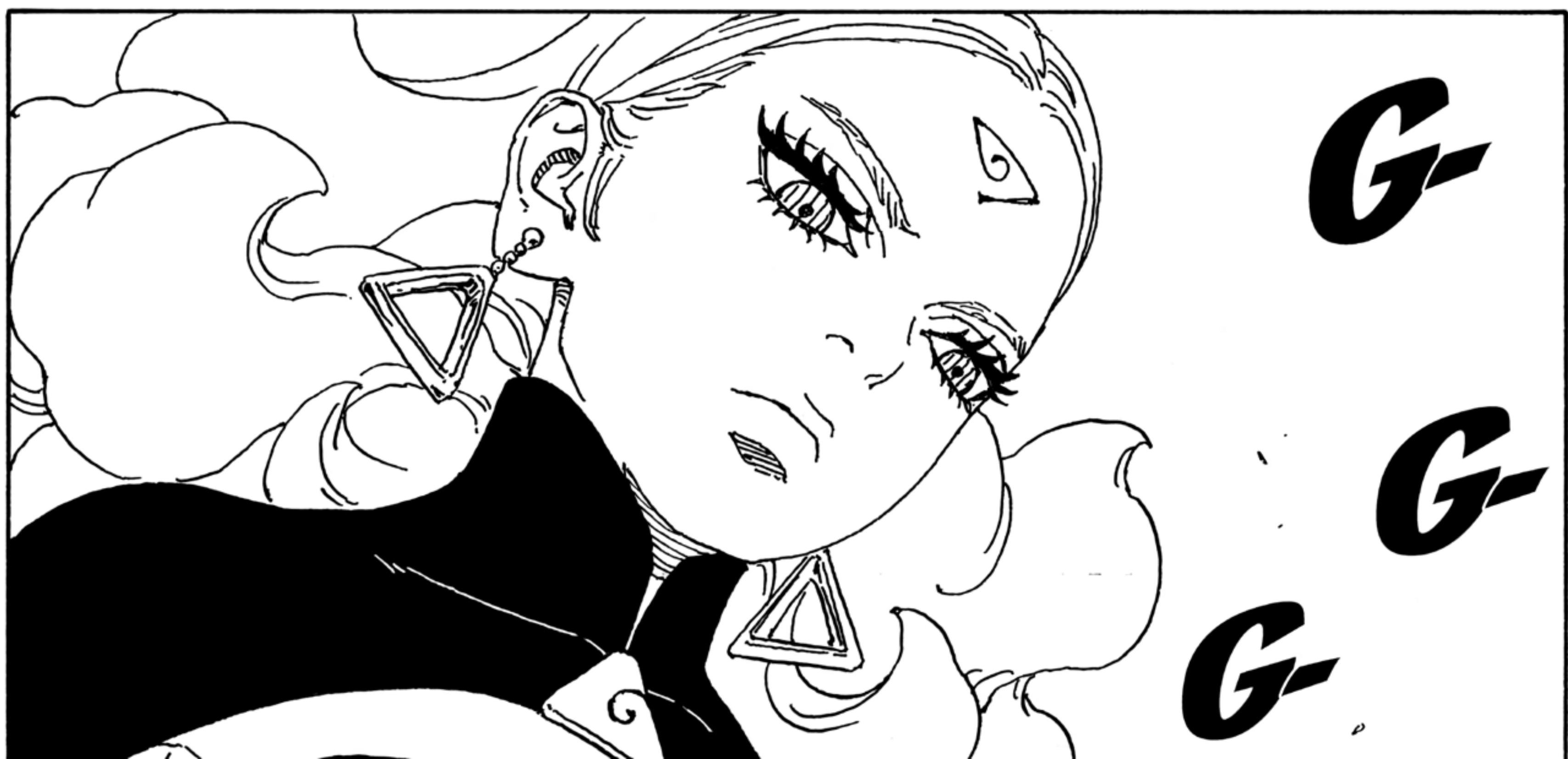
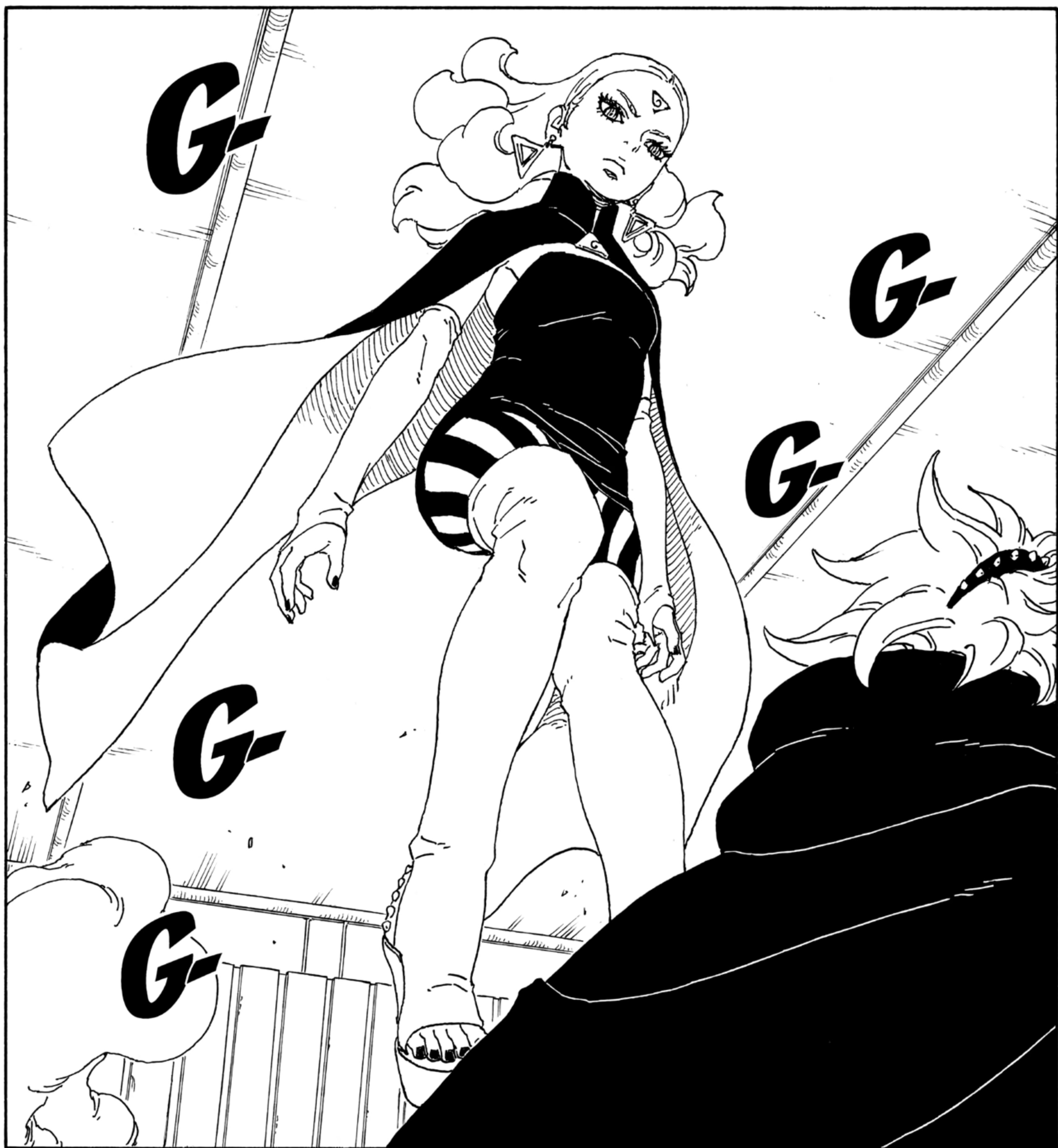
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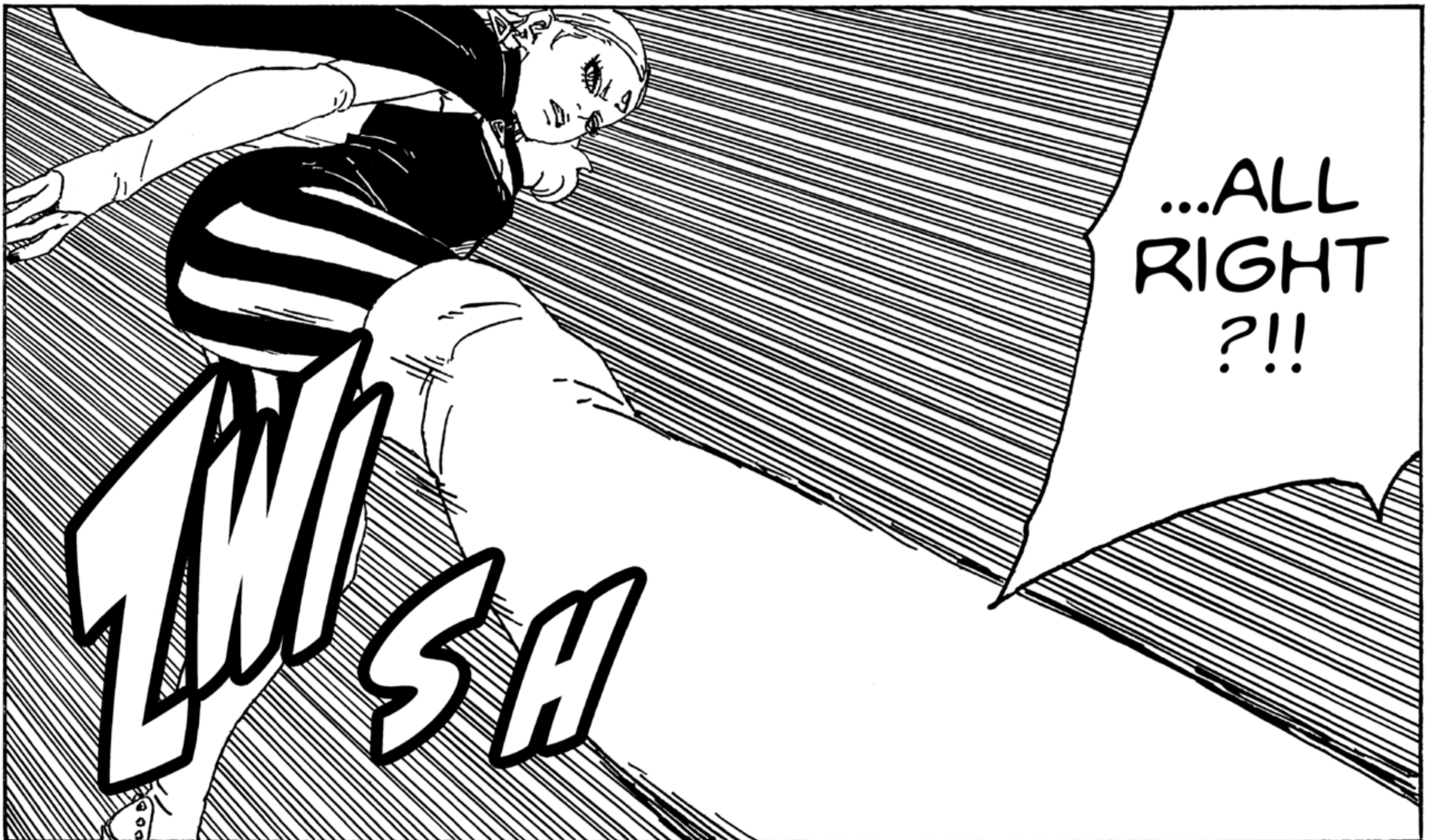
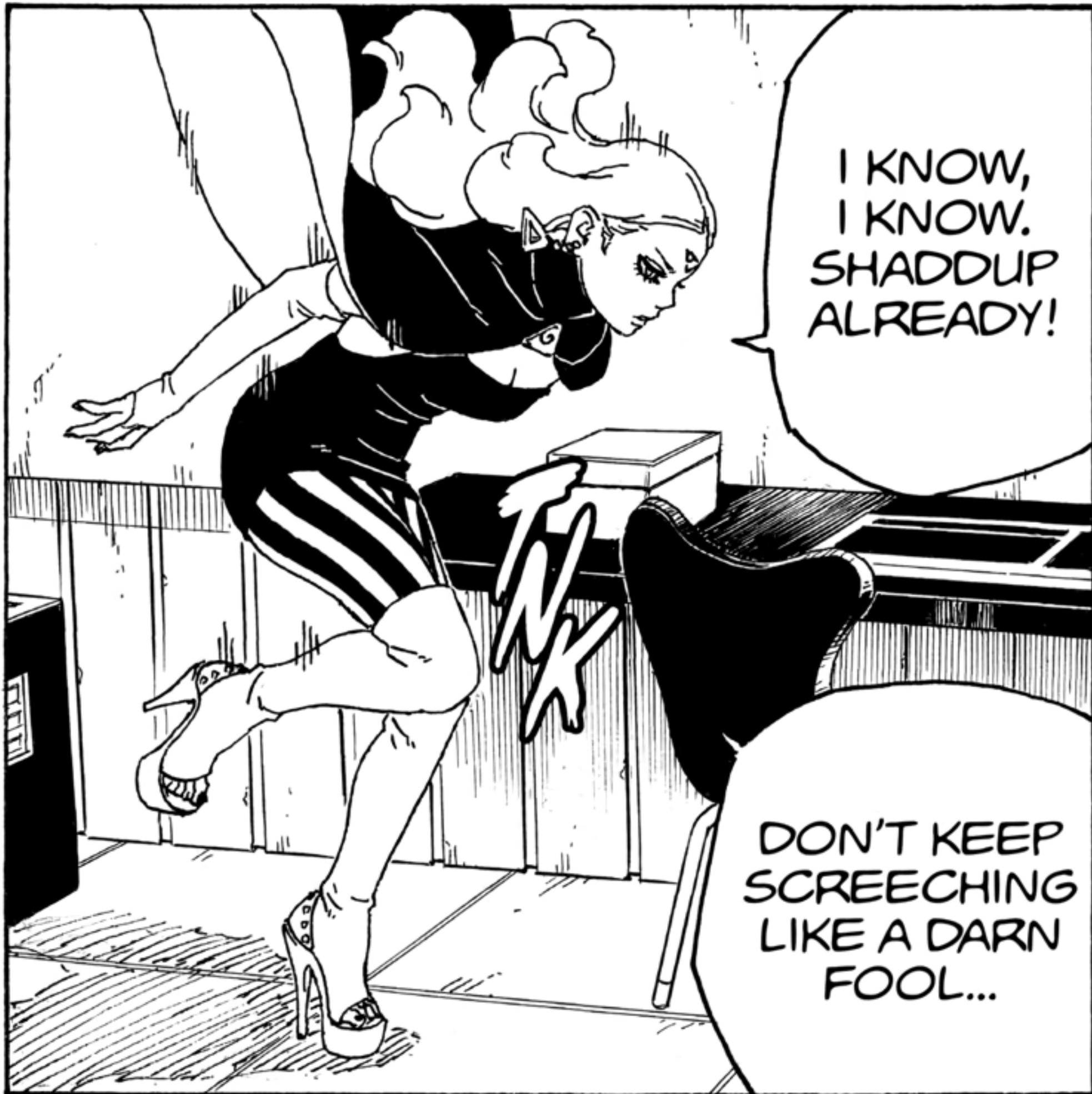
GOT IT?!
WAIT
FOR MY
SIGNAL!

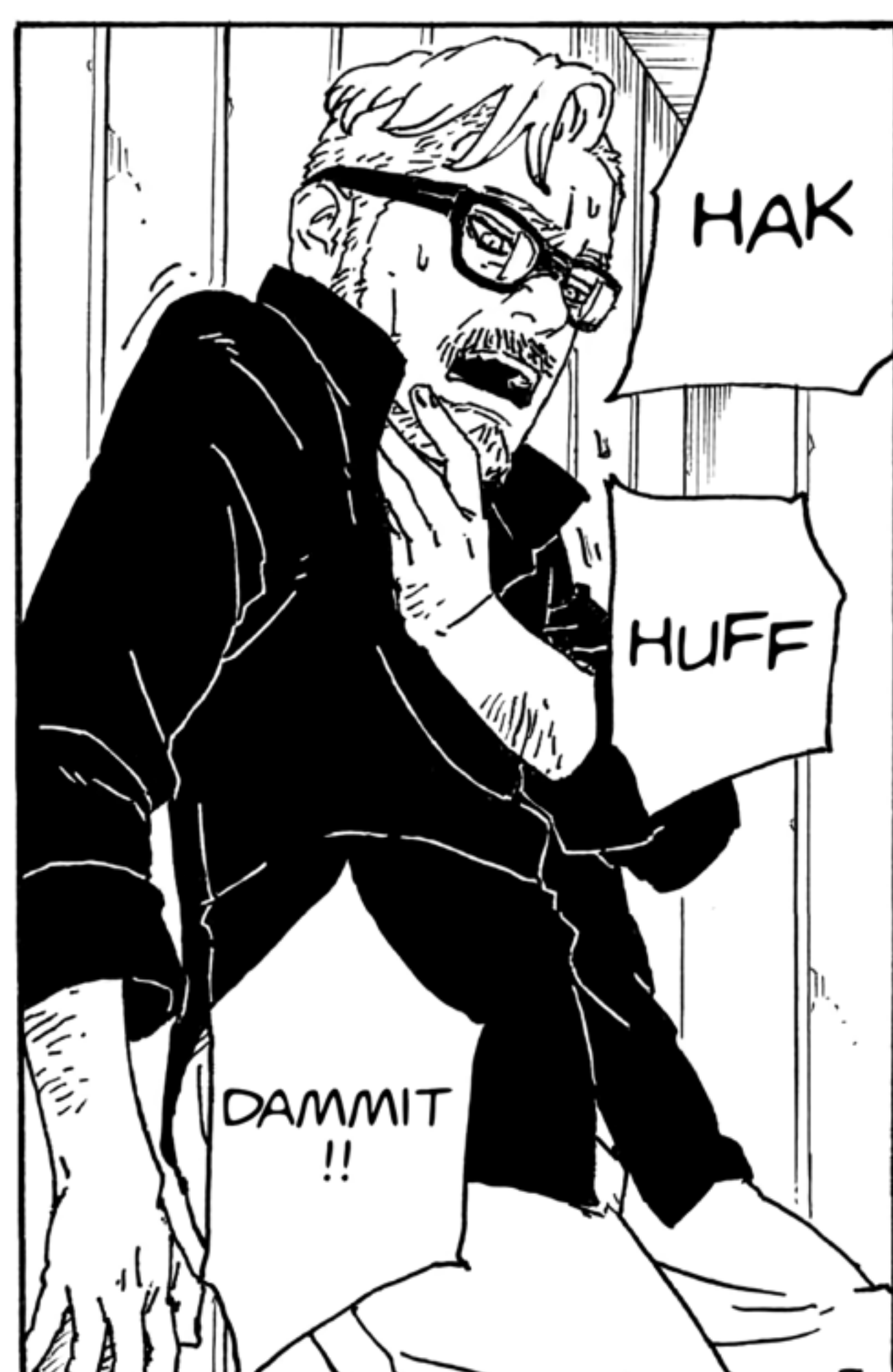


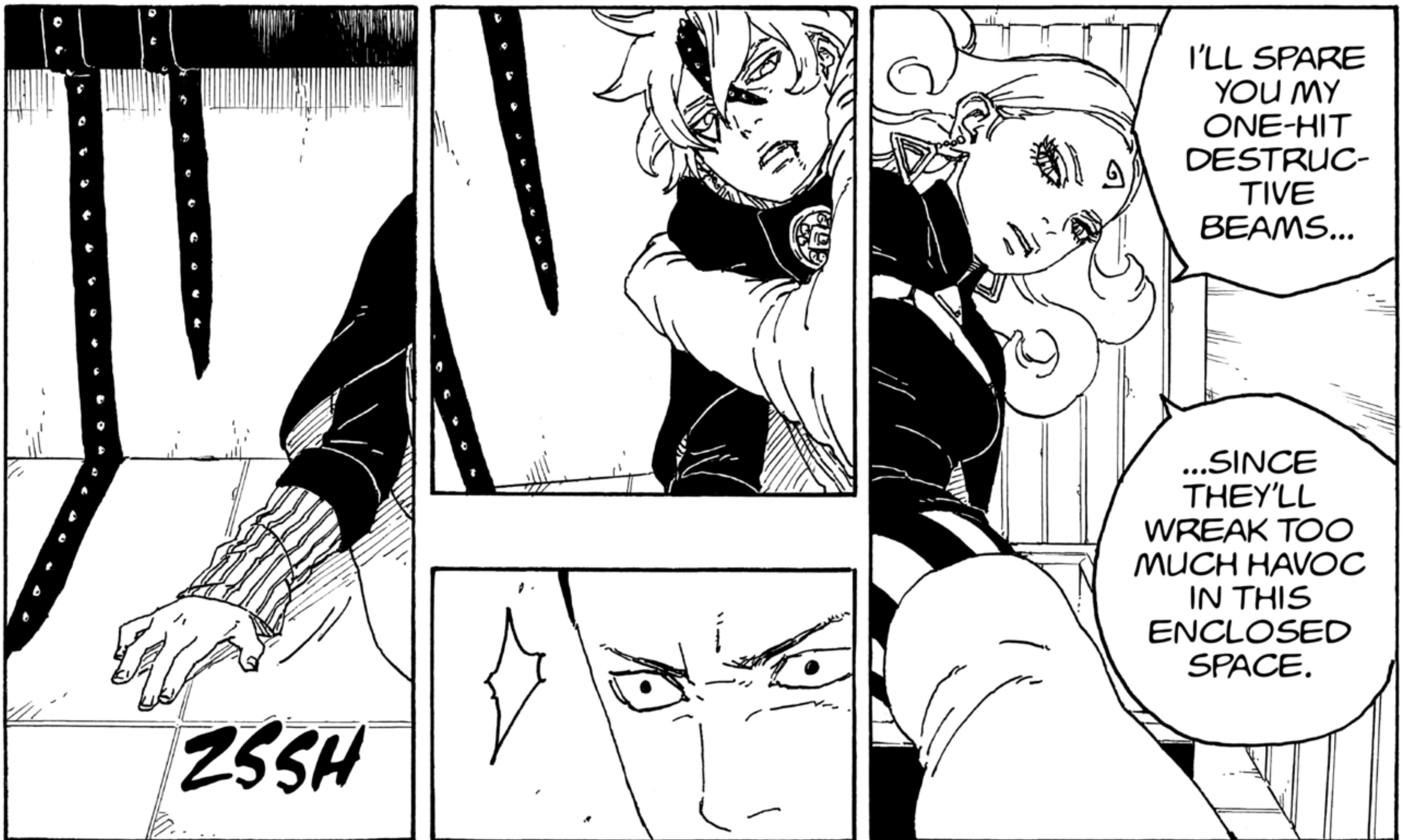


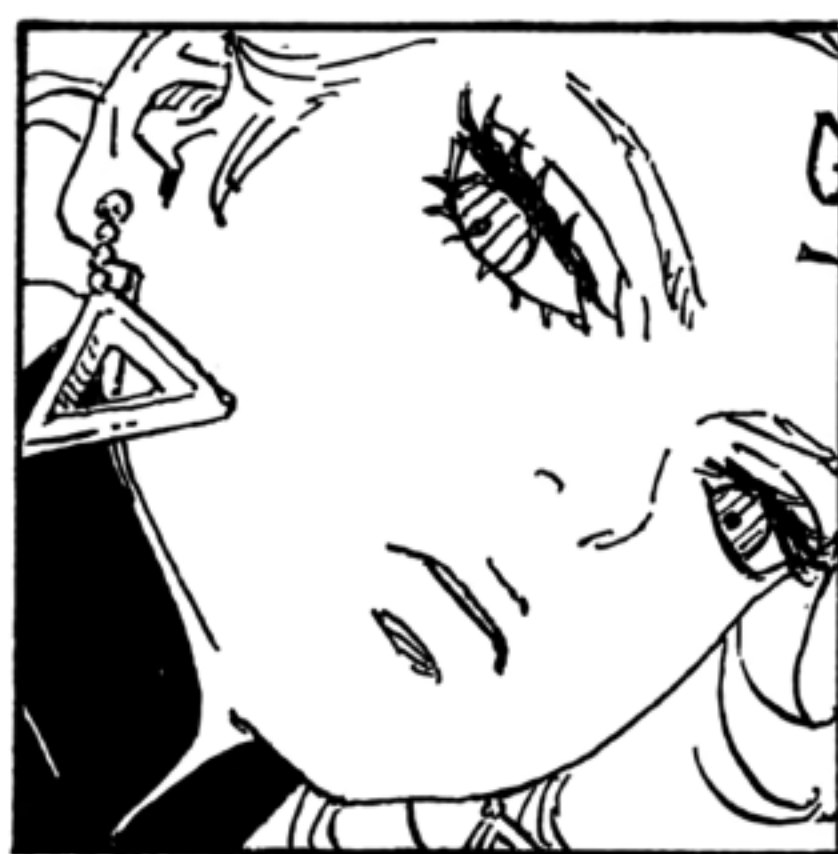
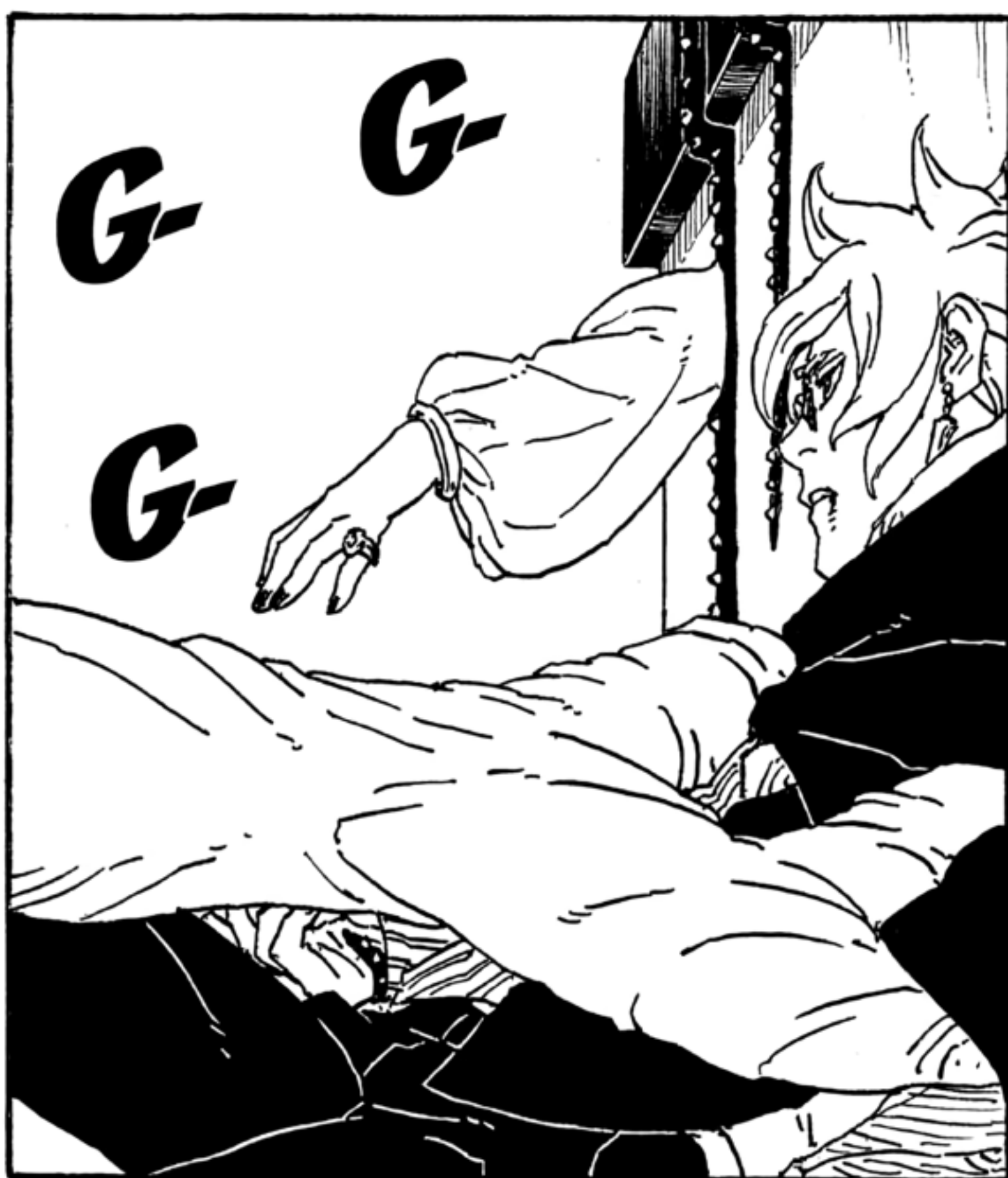
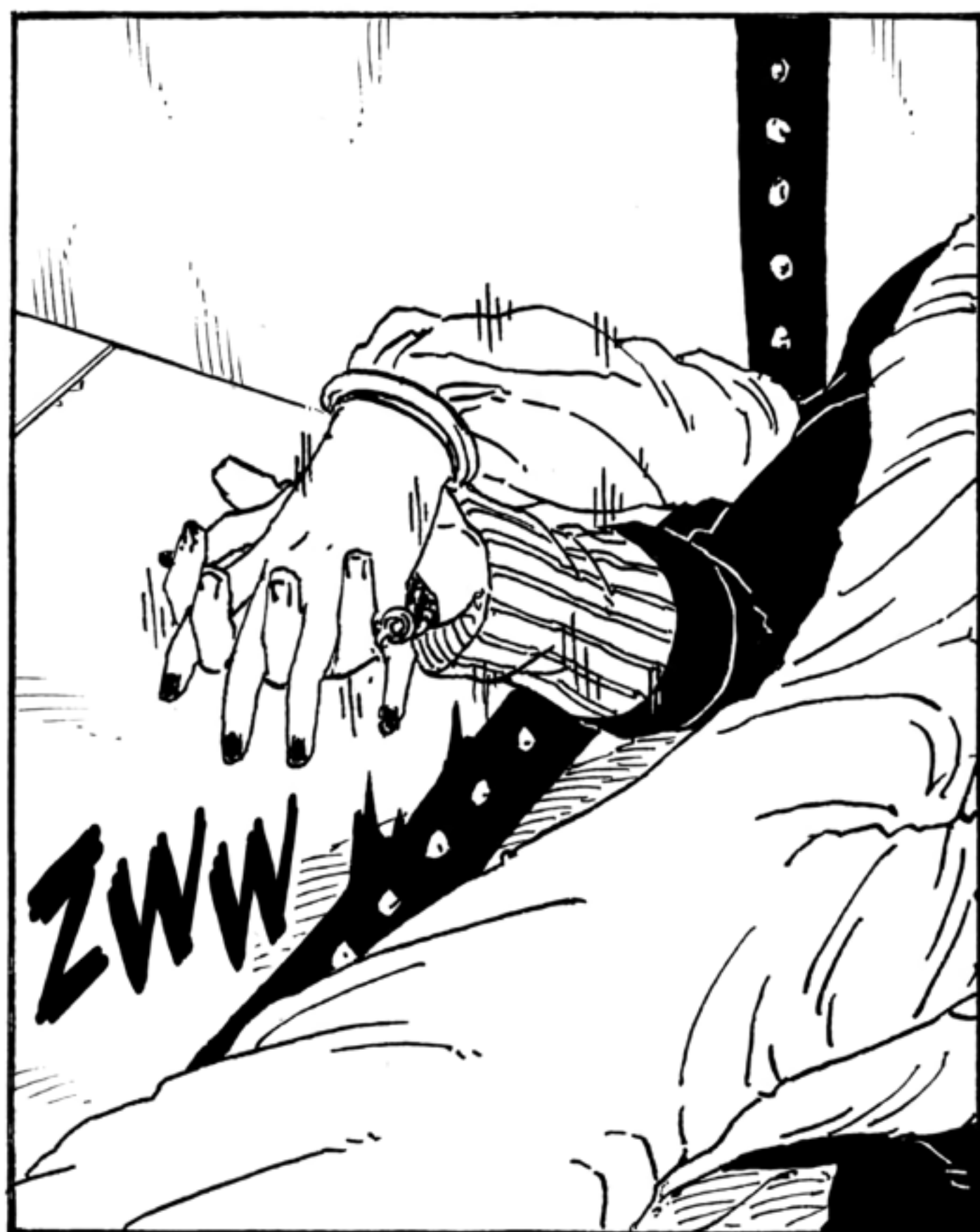




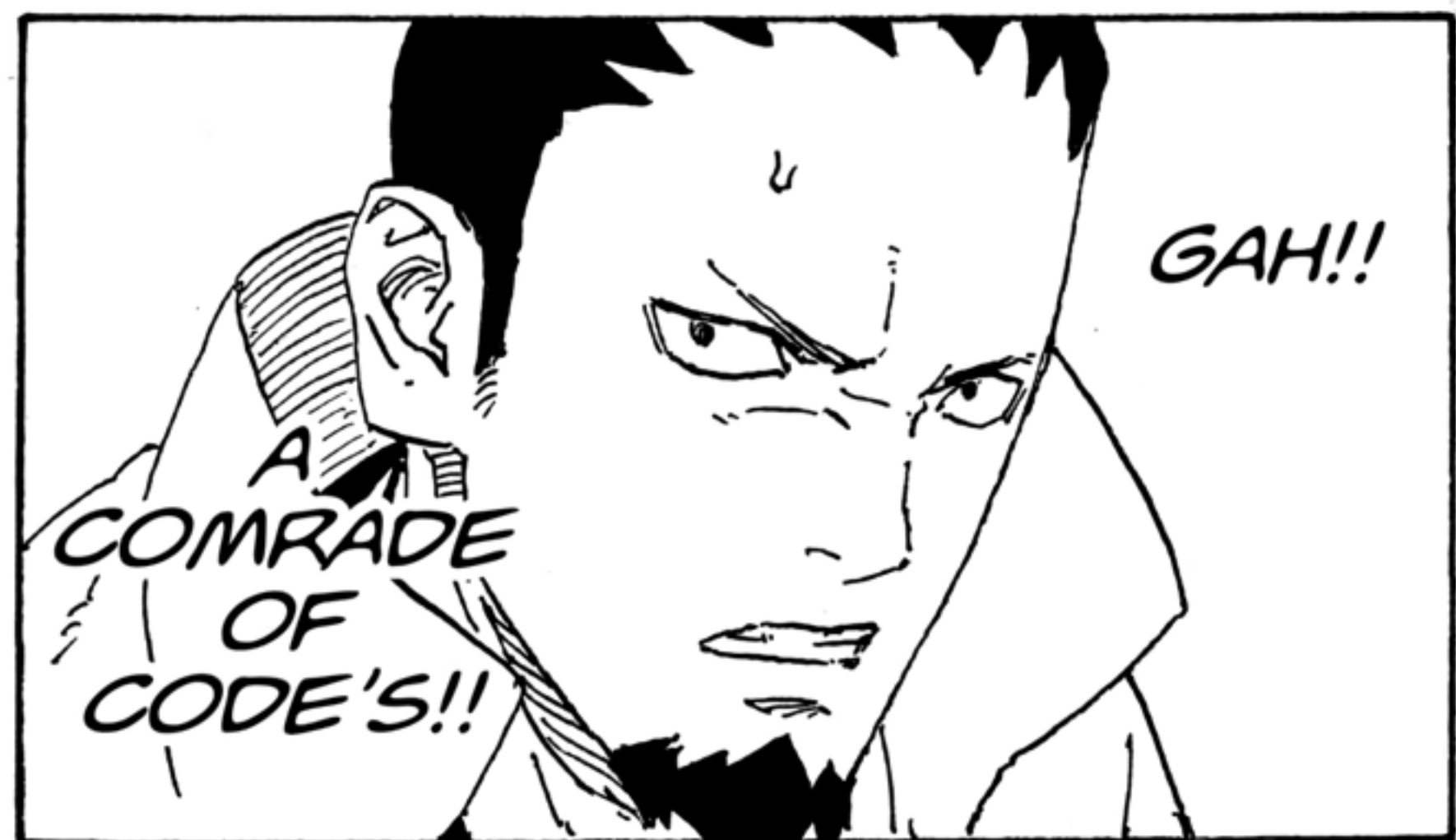
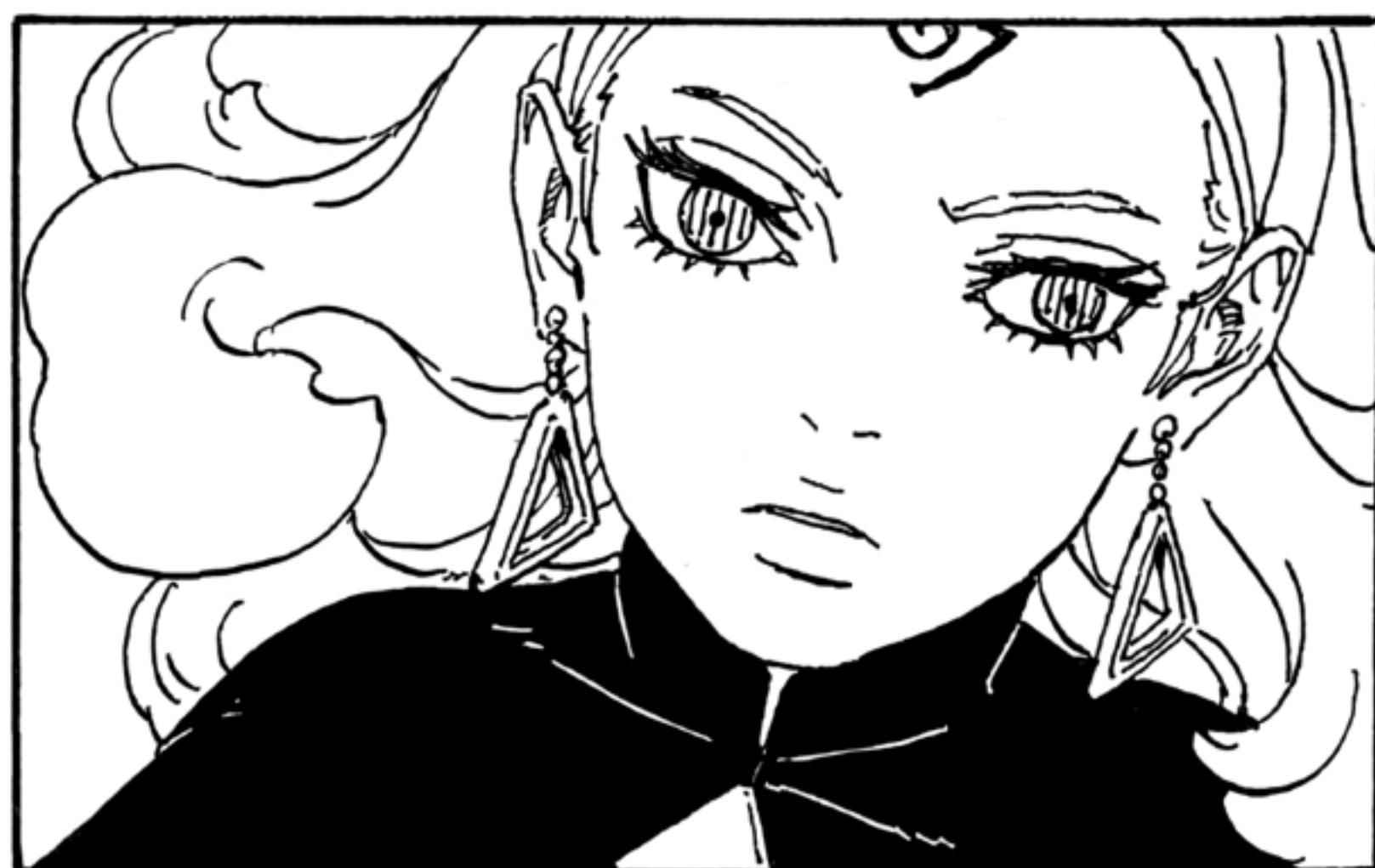
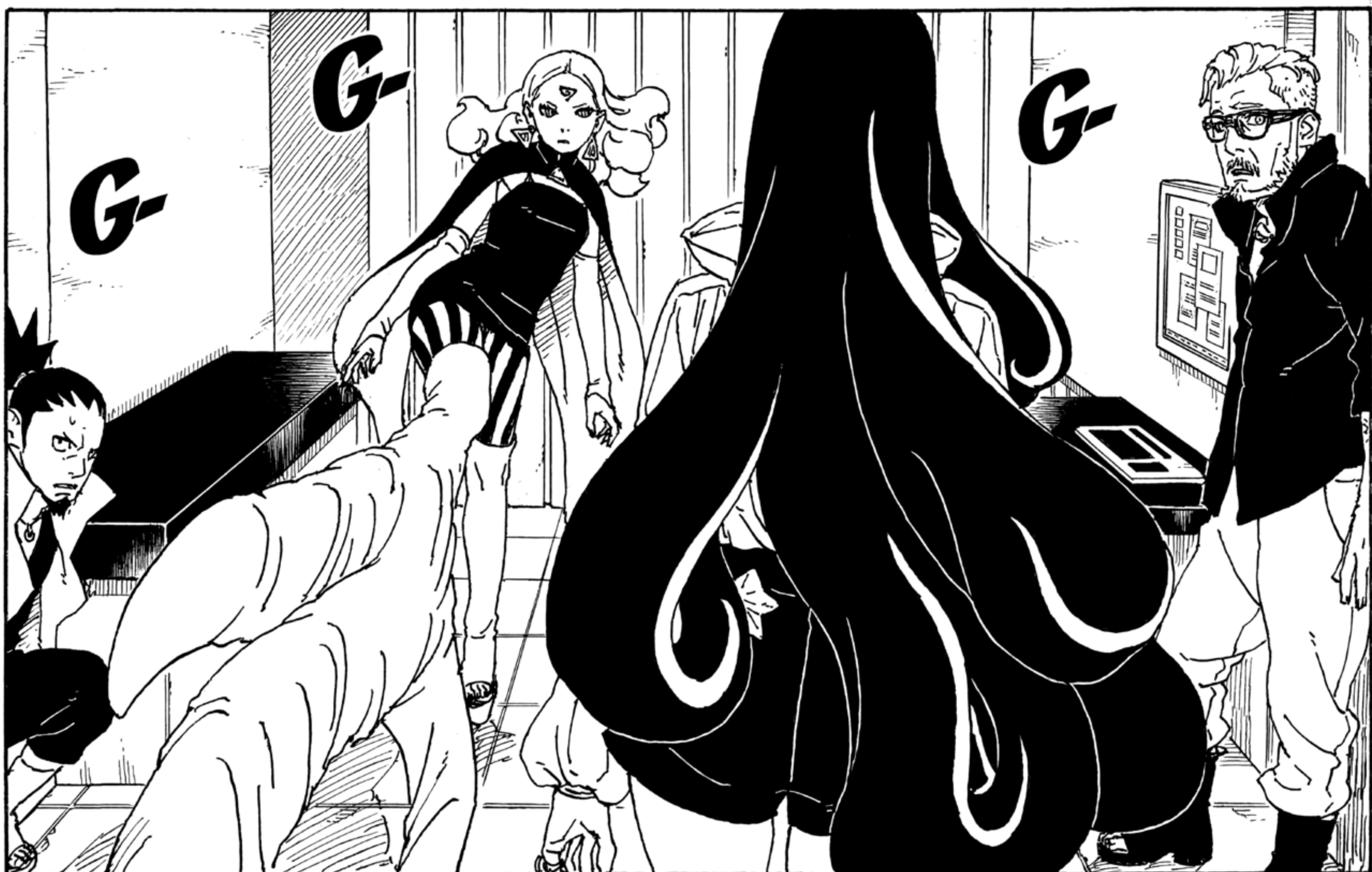


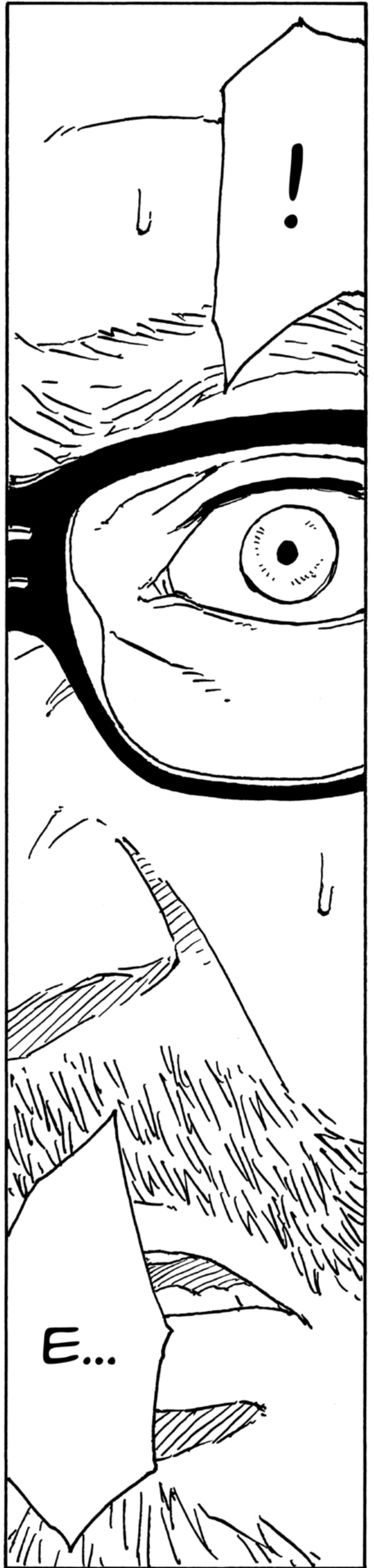


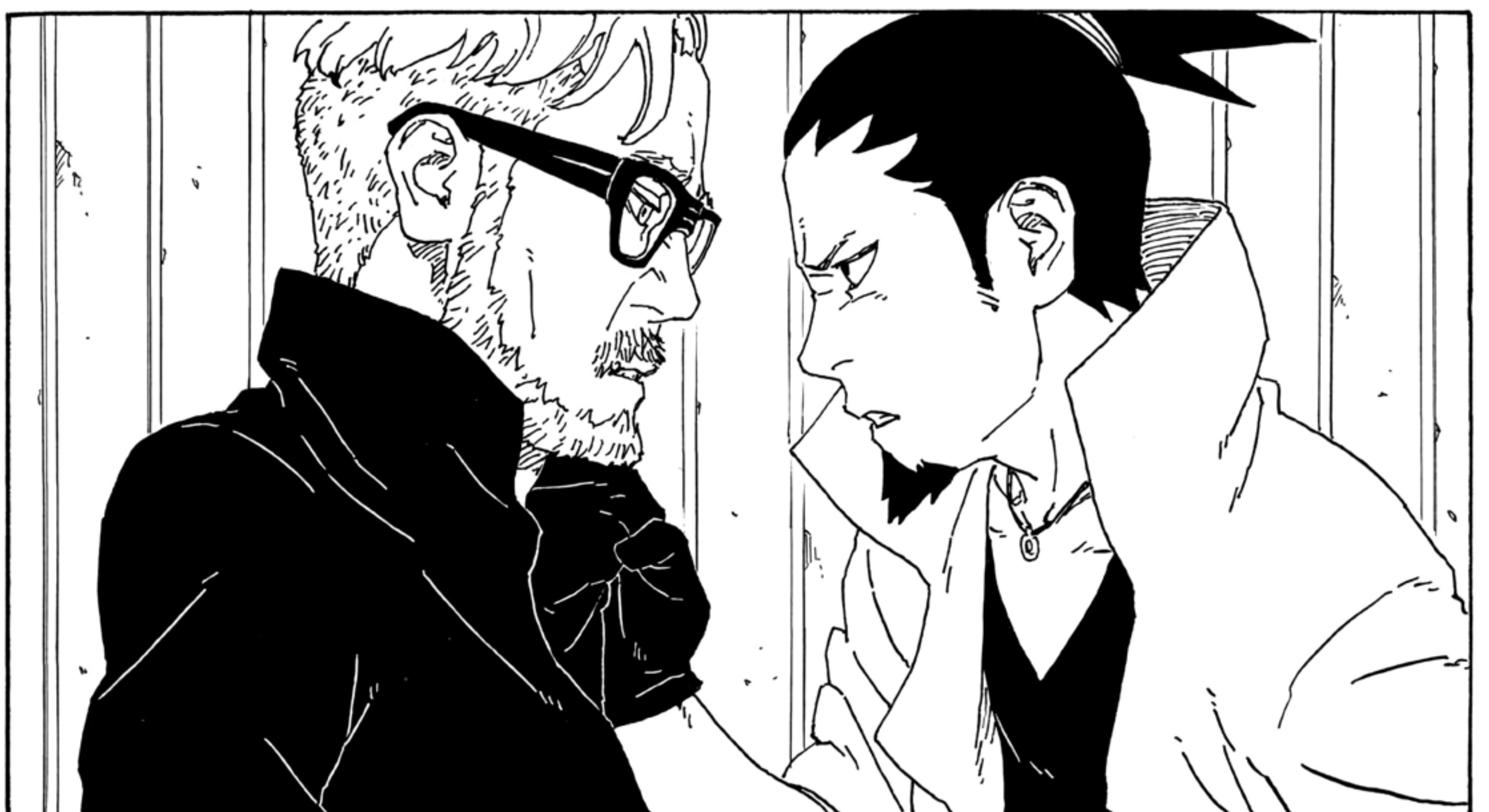






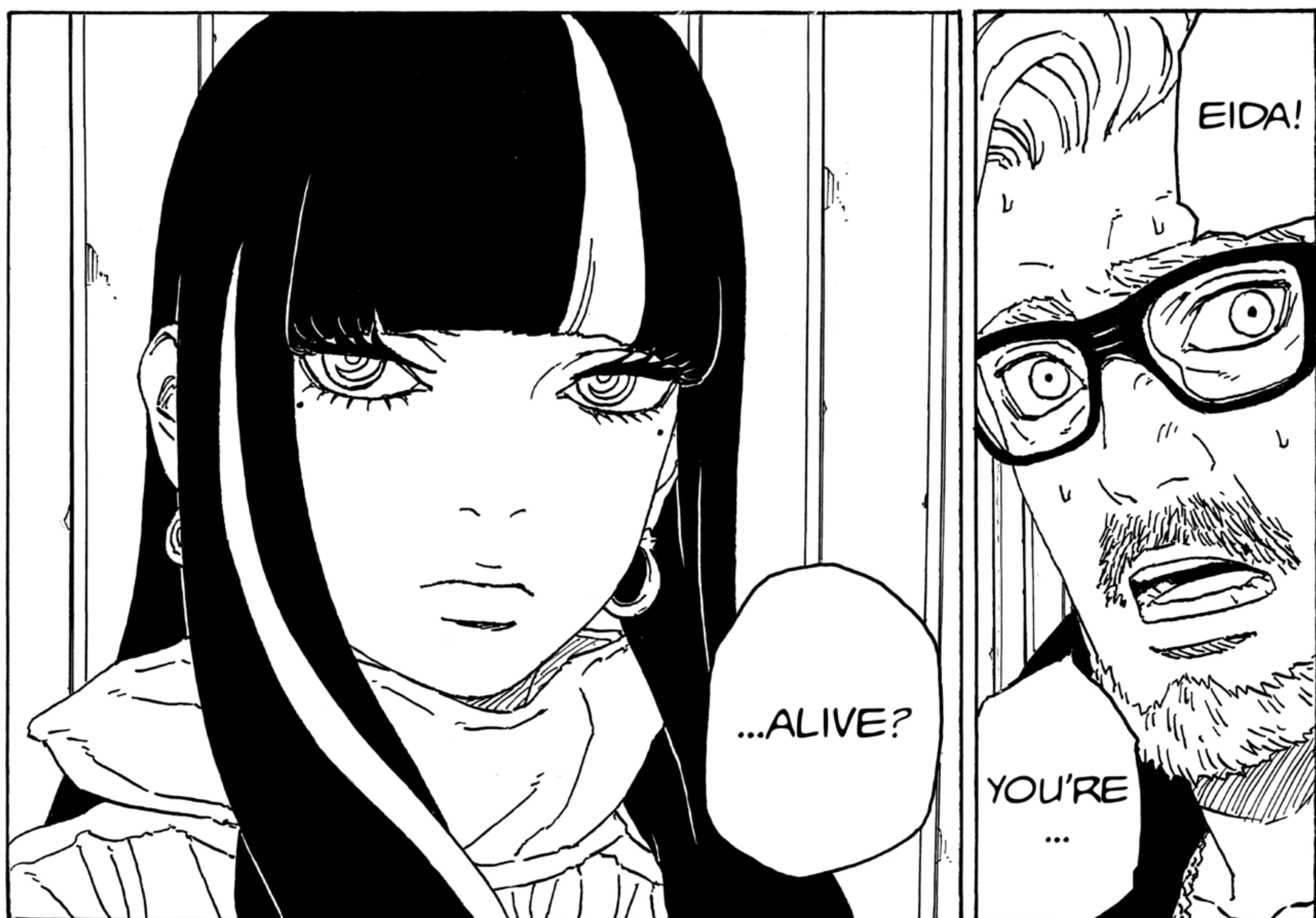


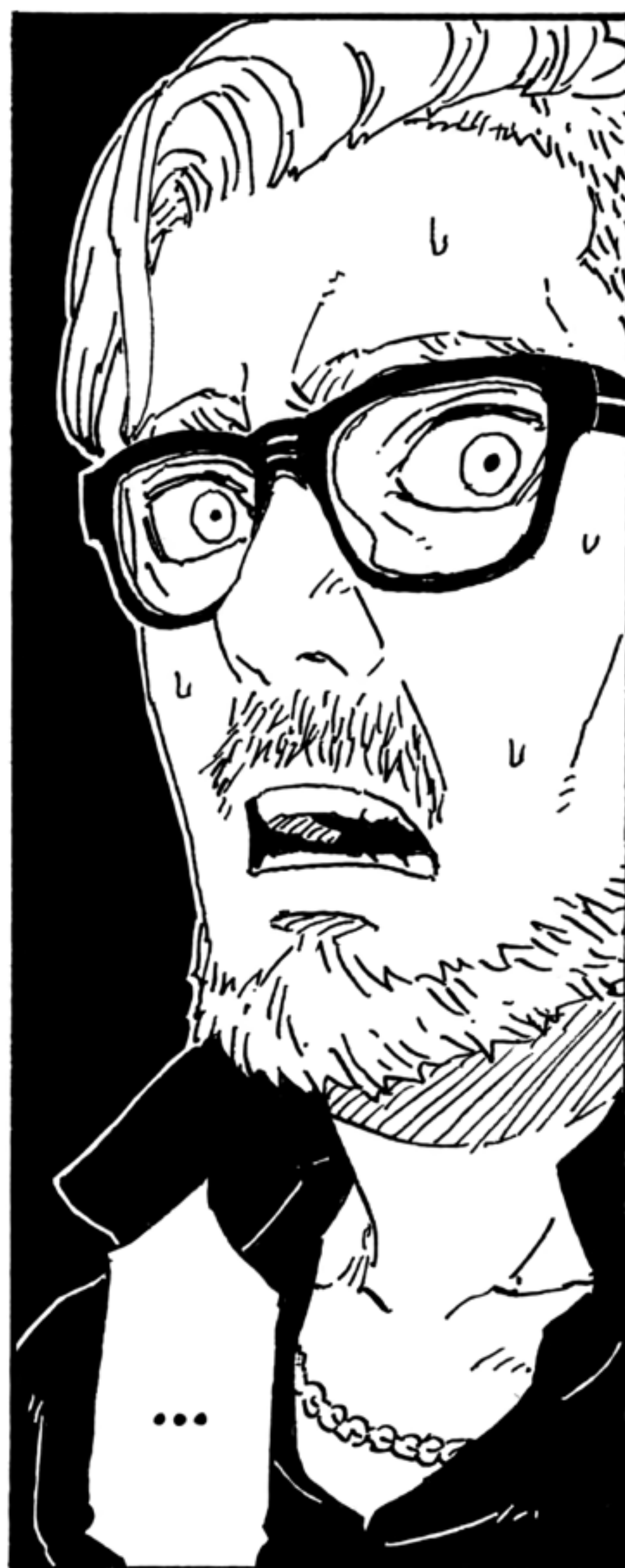
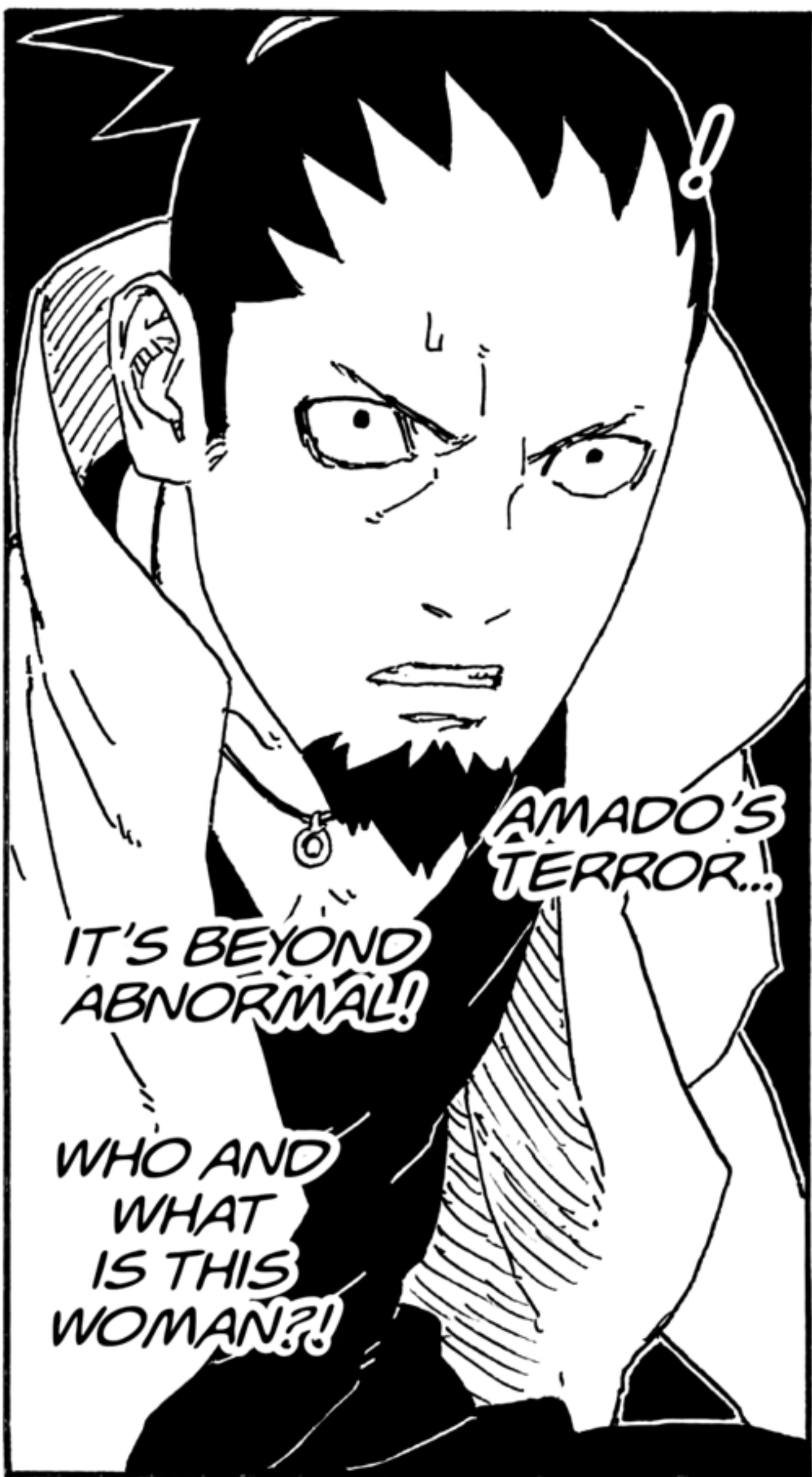
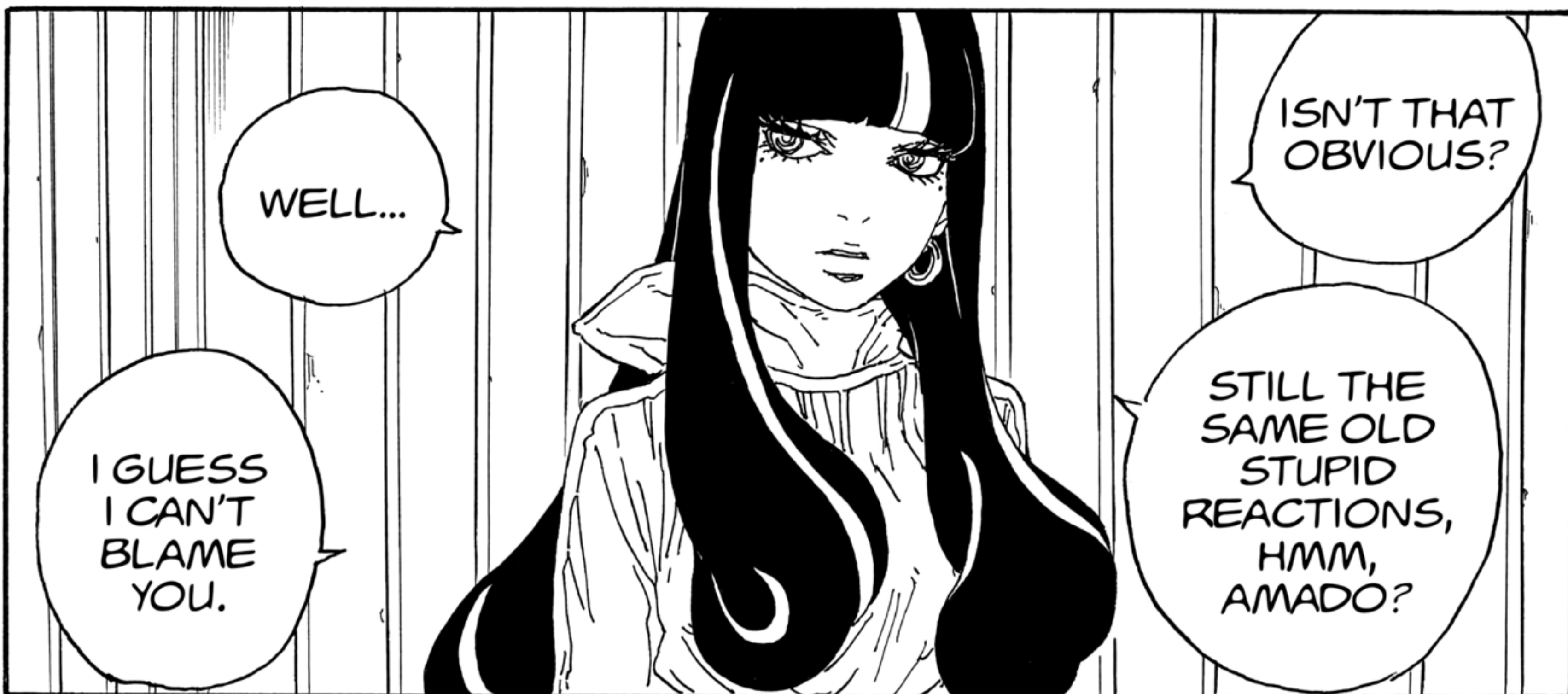
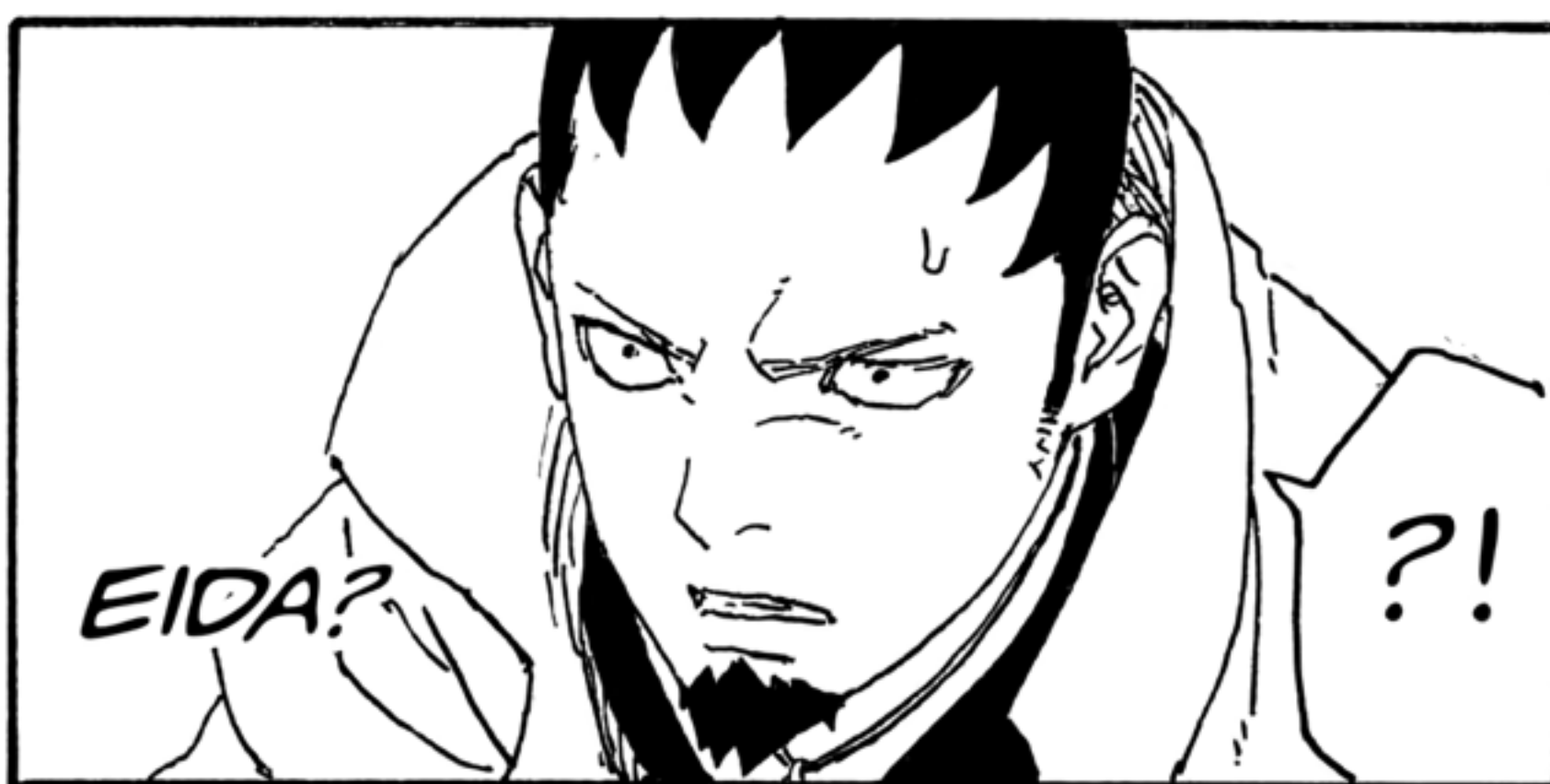
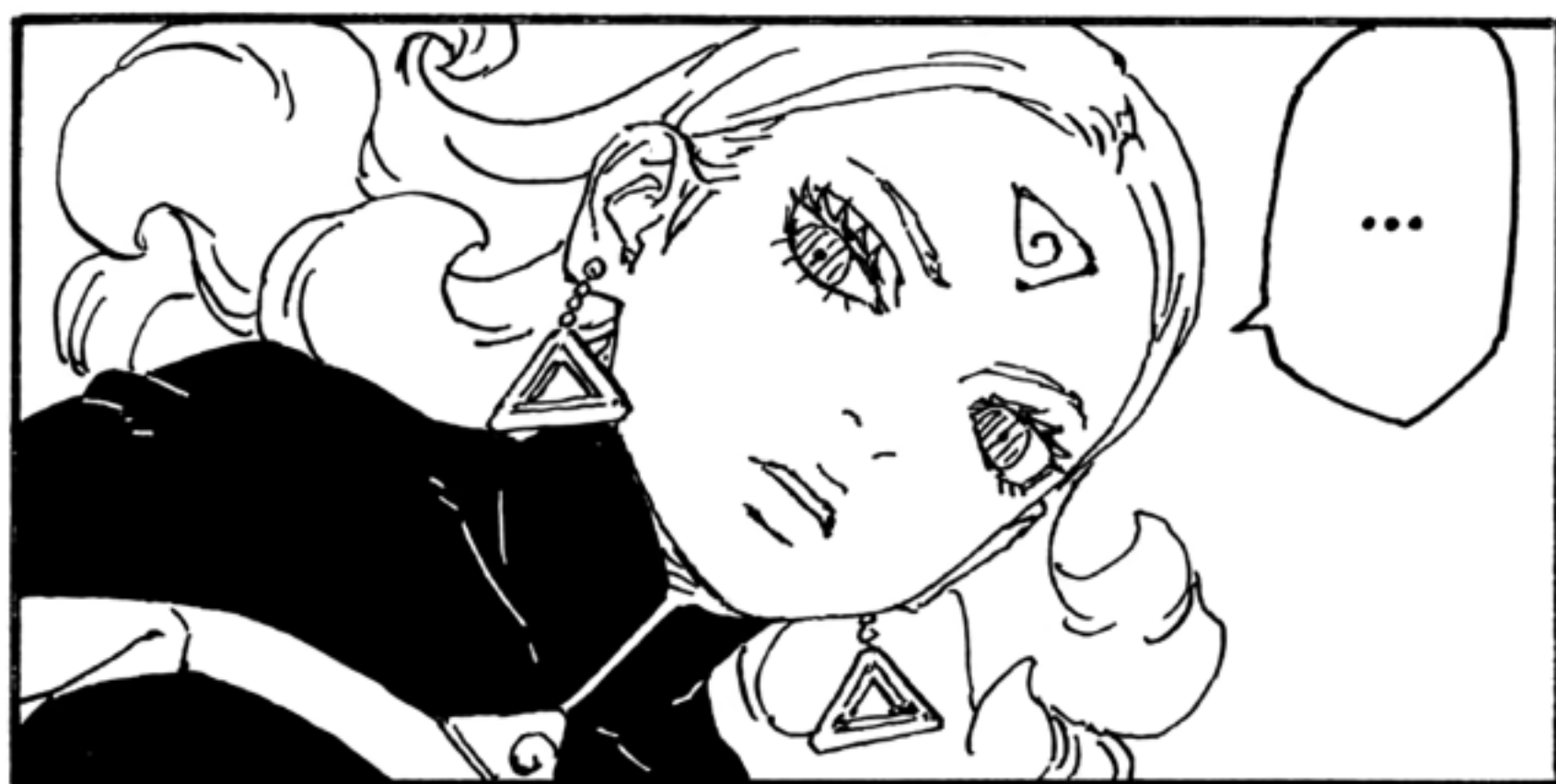




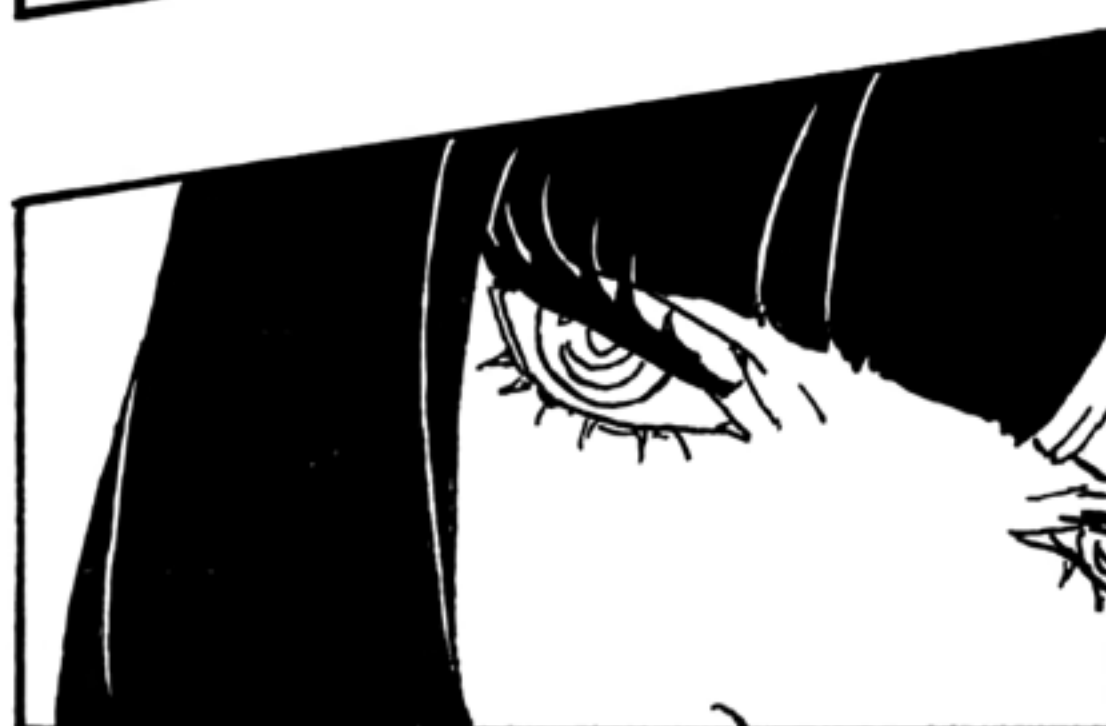
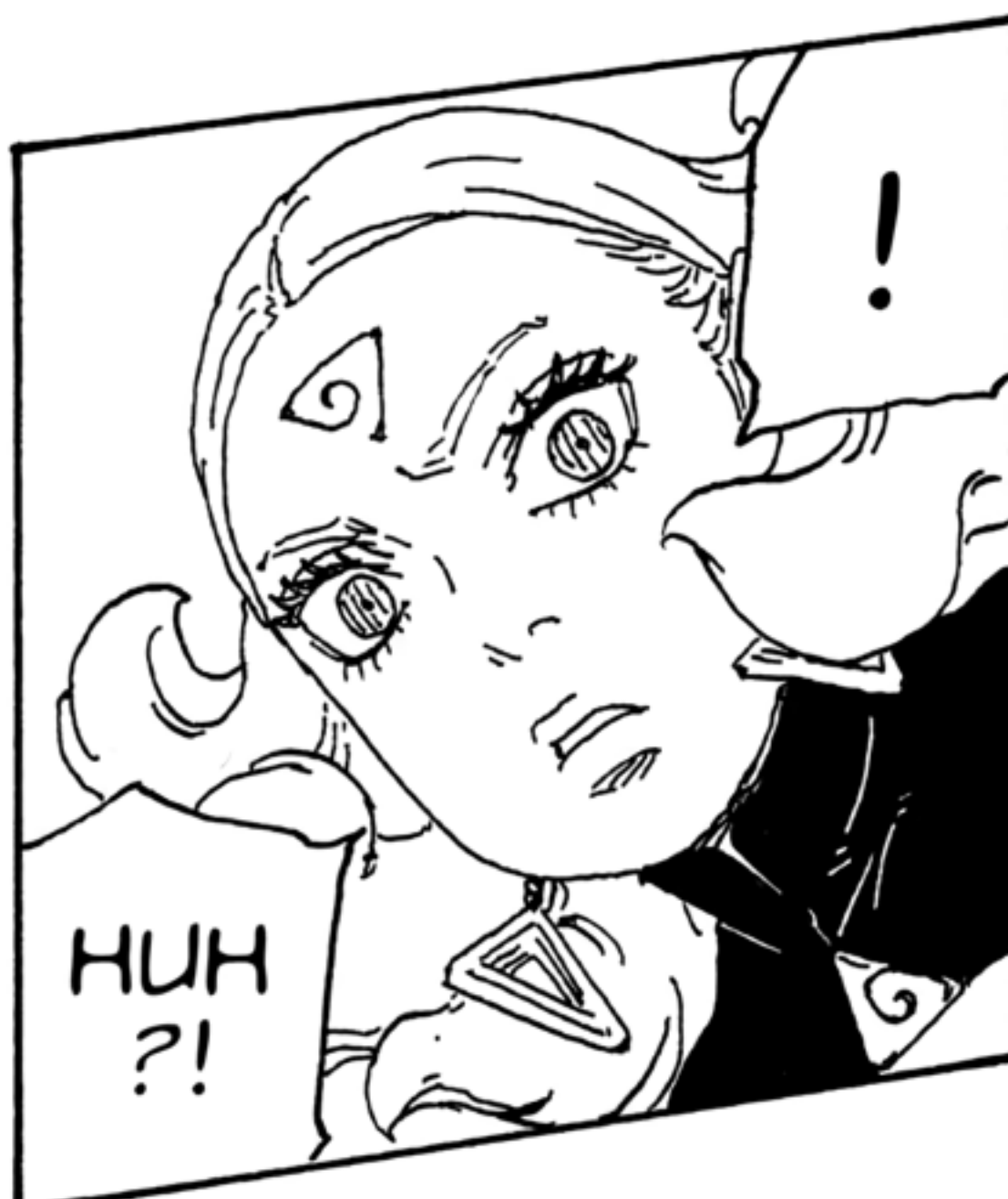
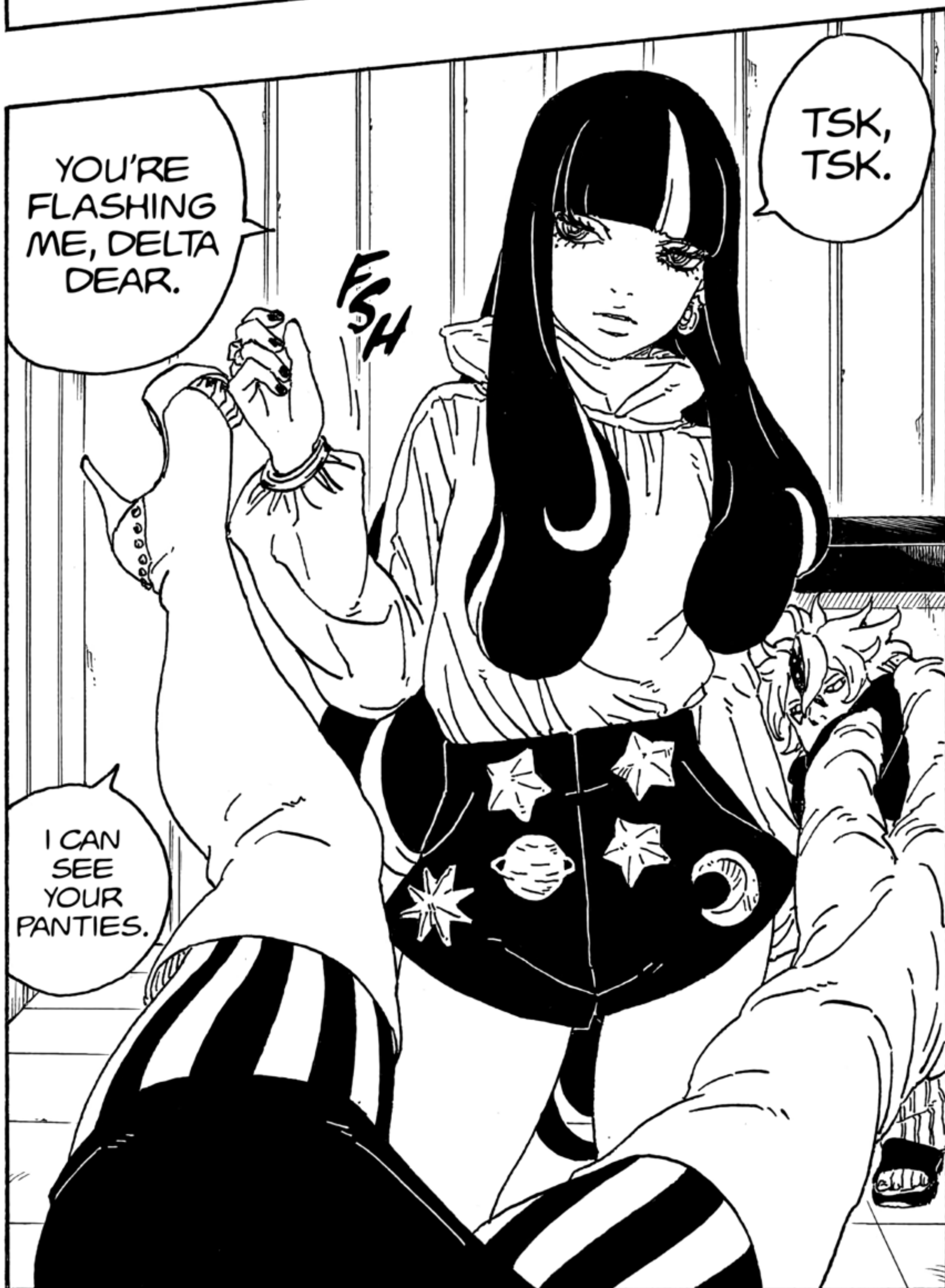
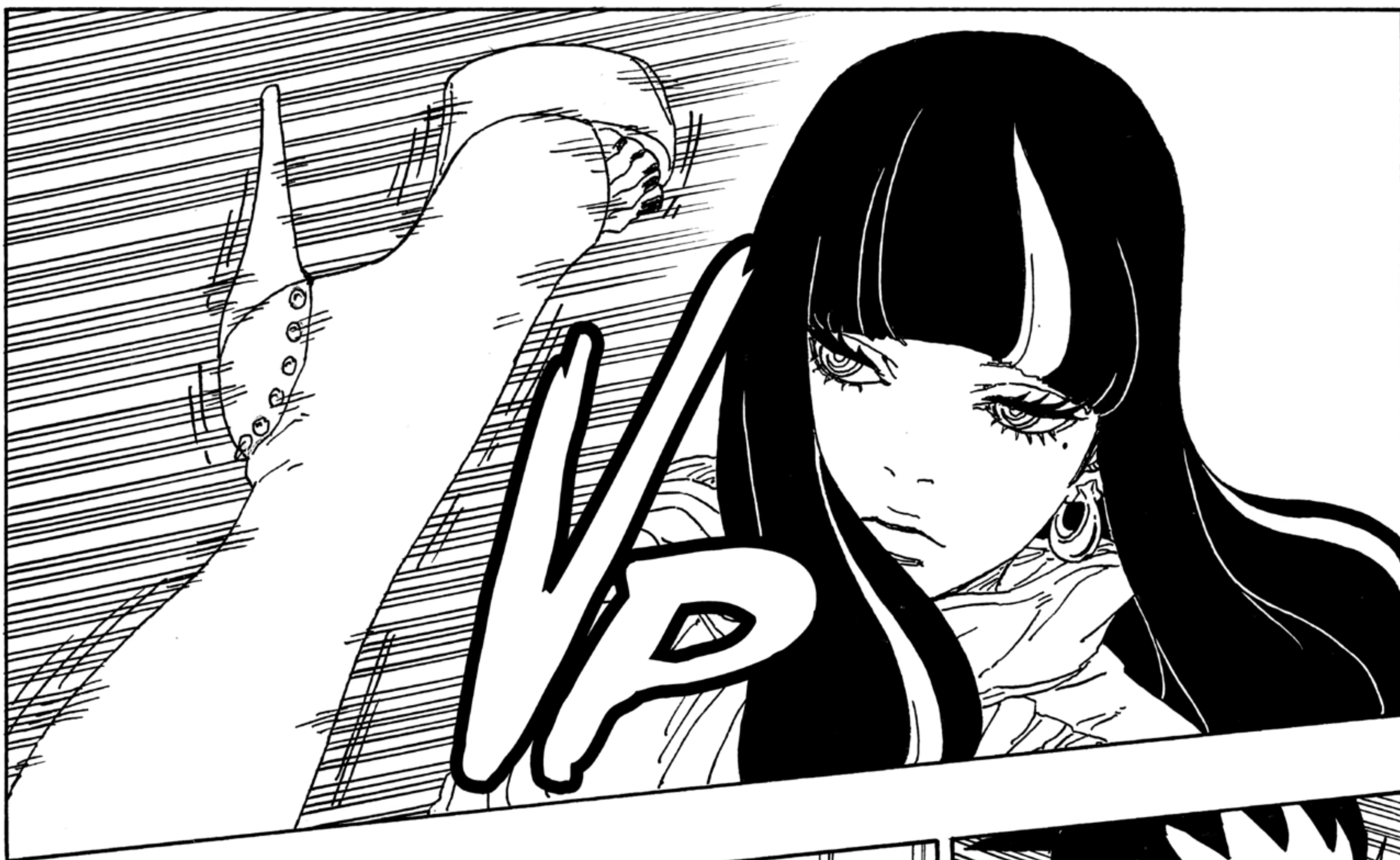
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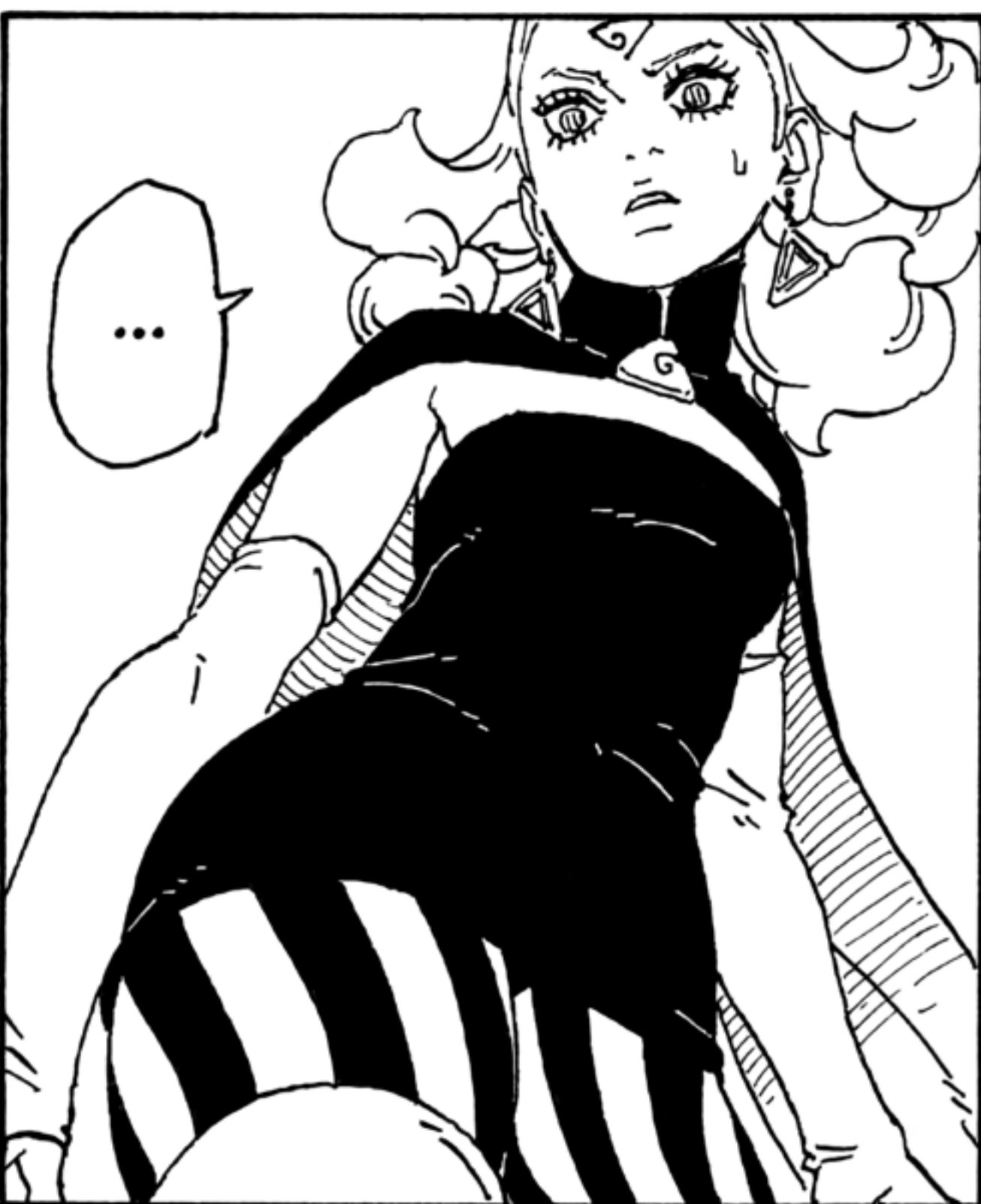
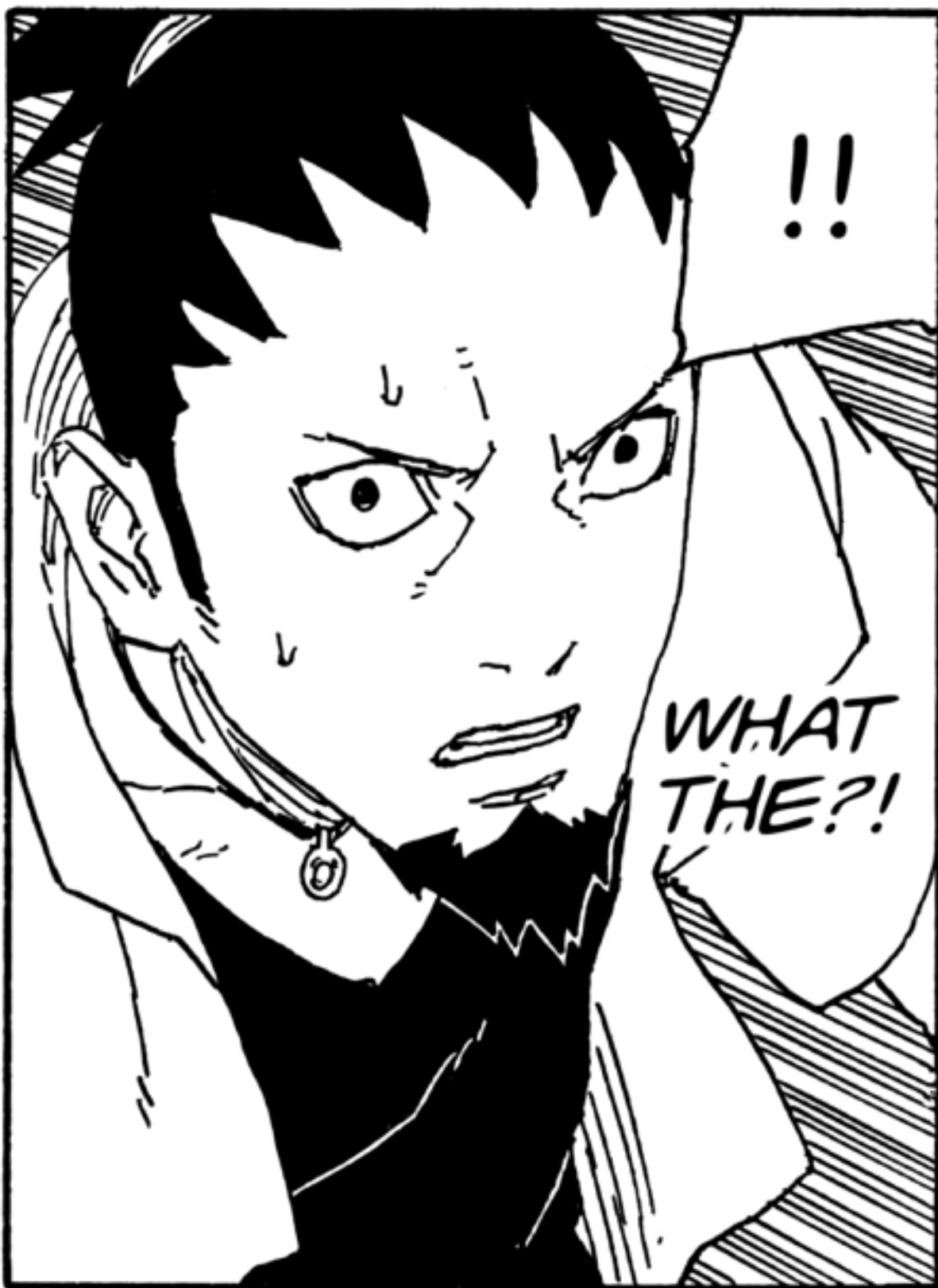


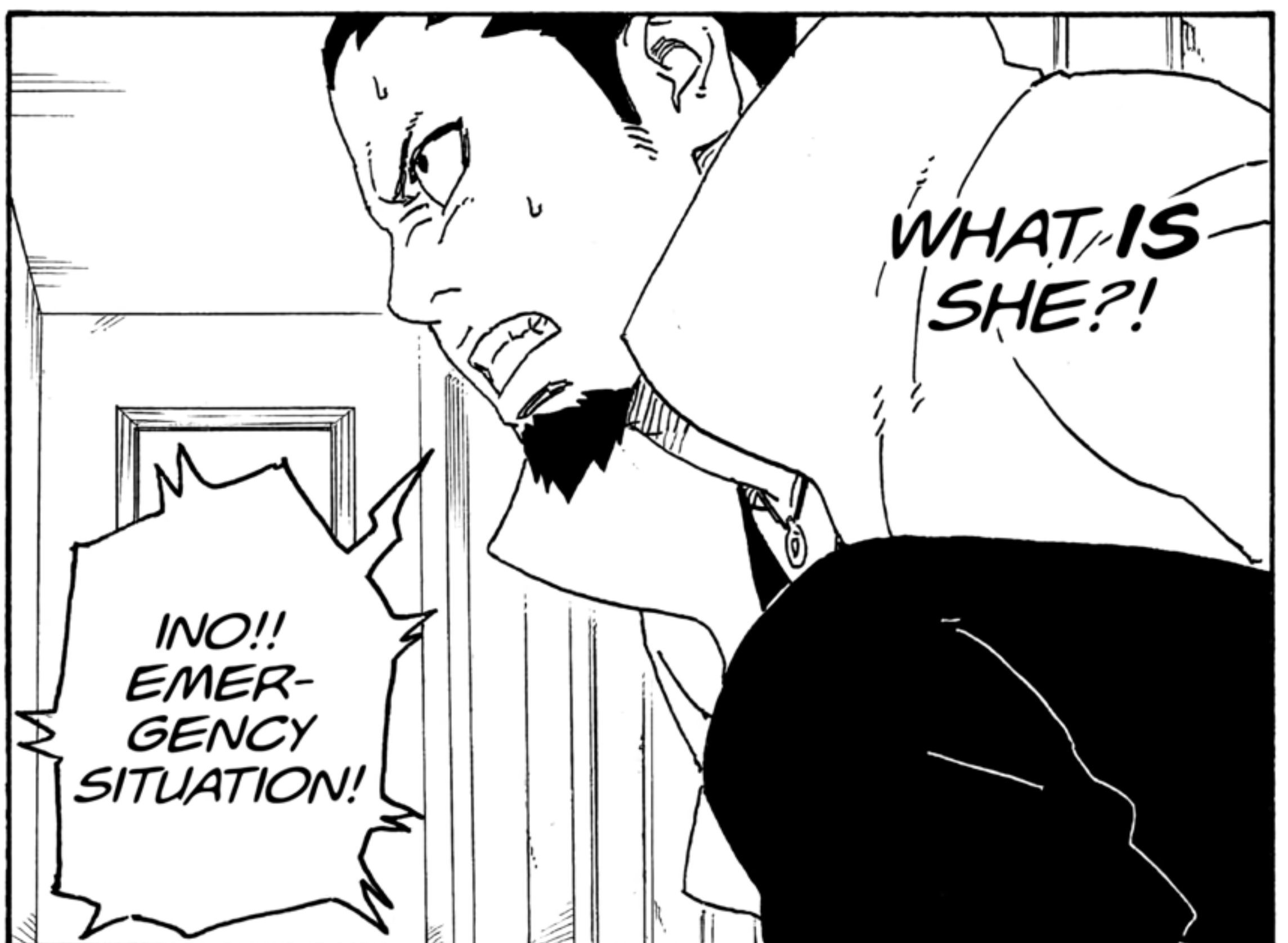
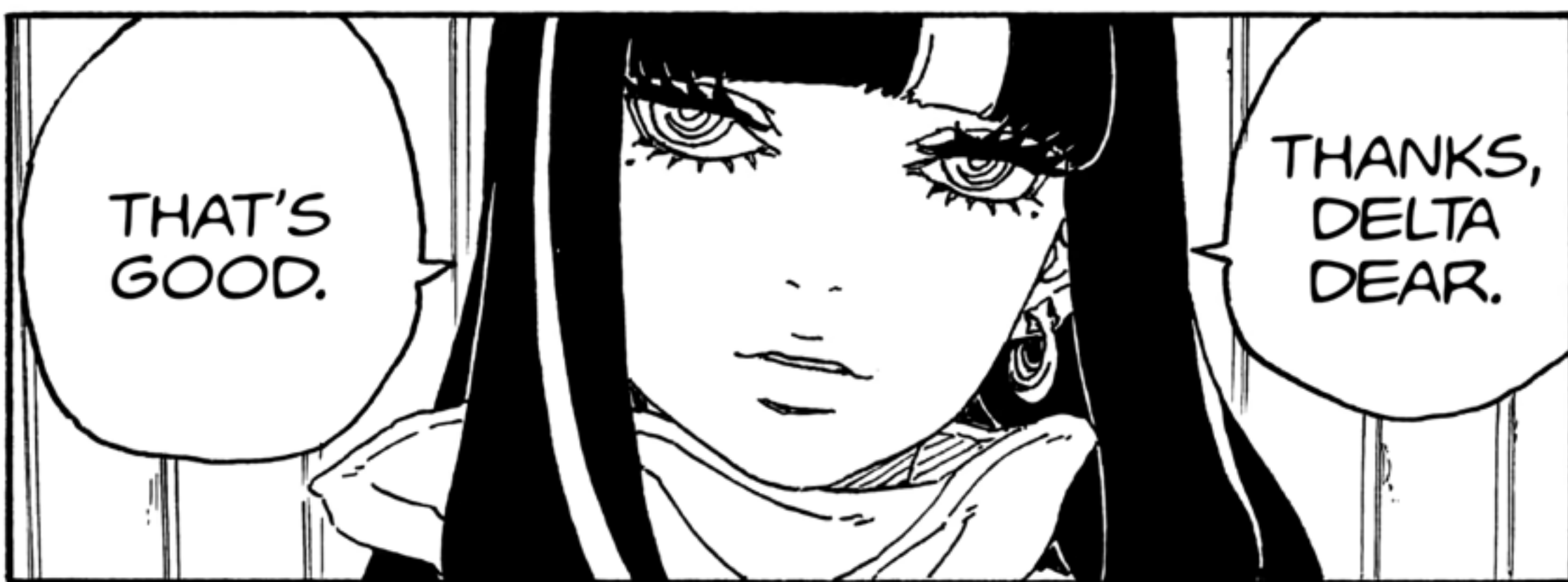
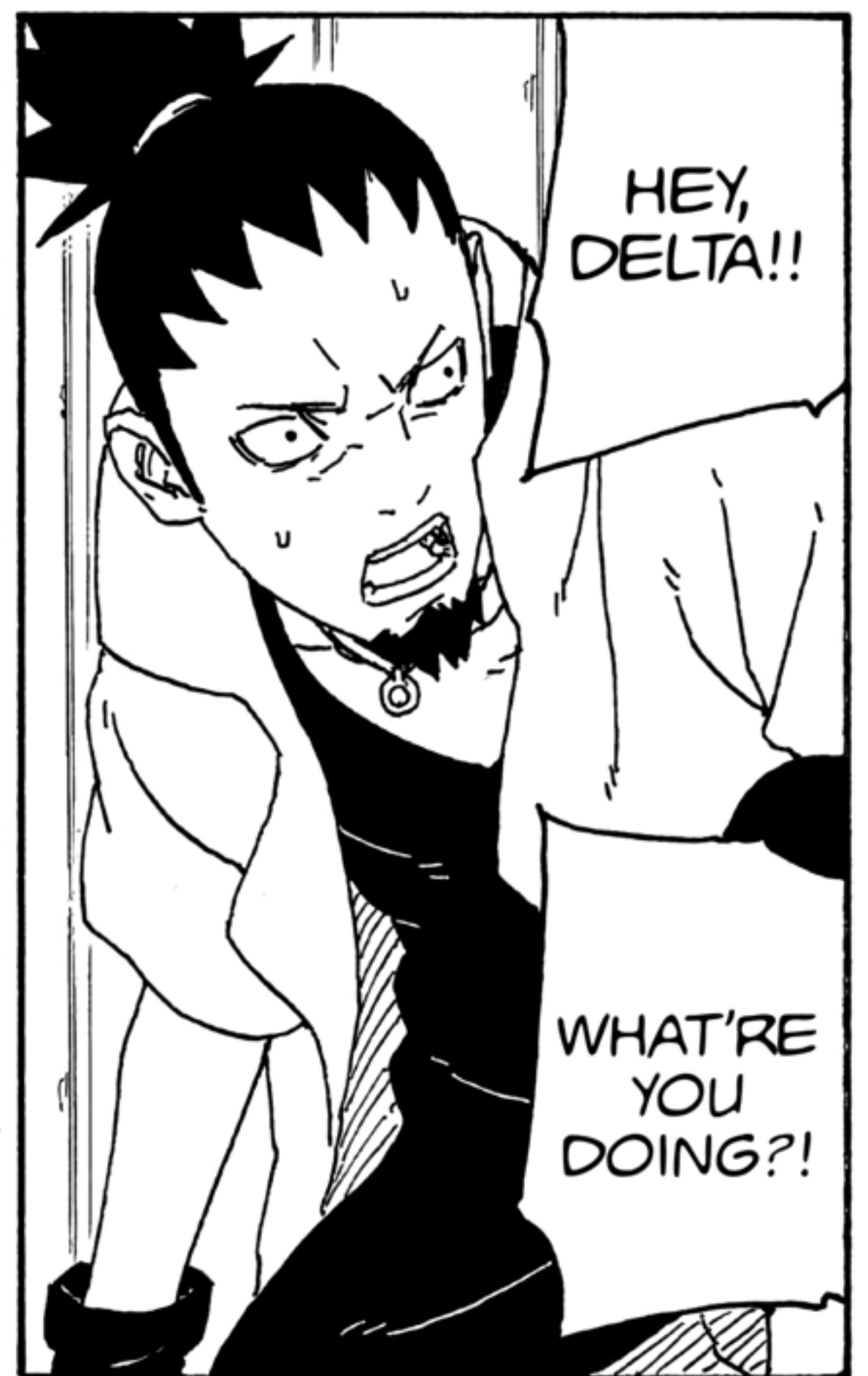
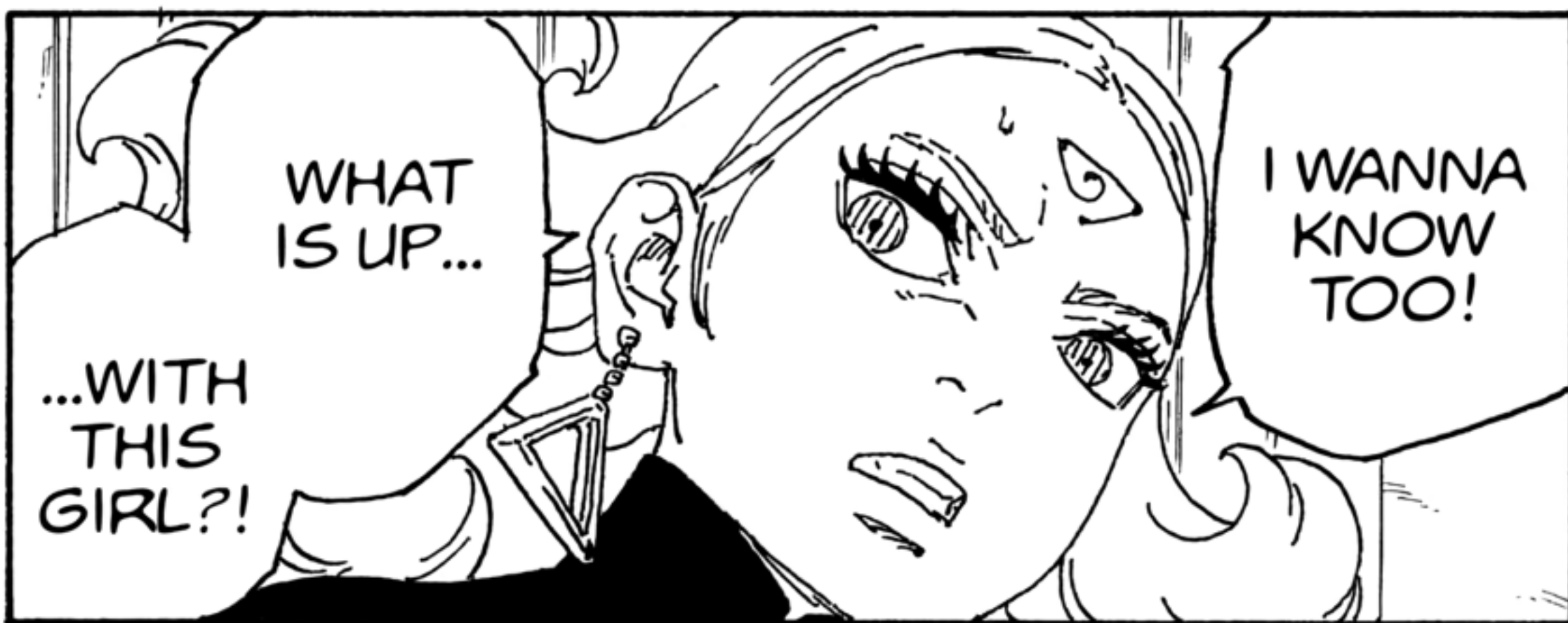
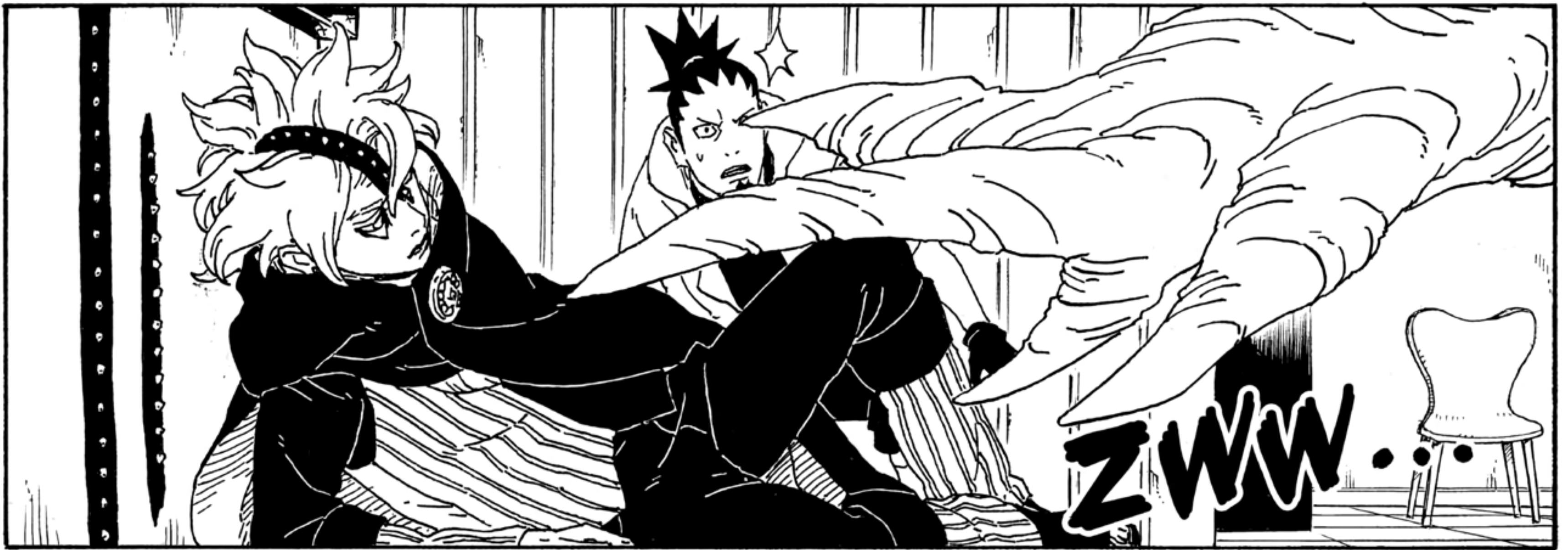


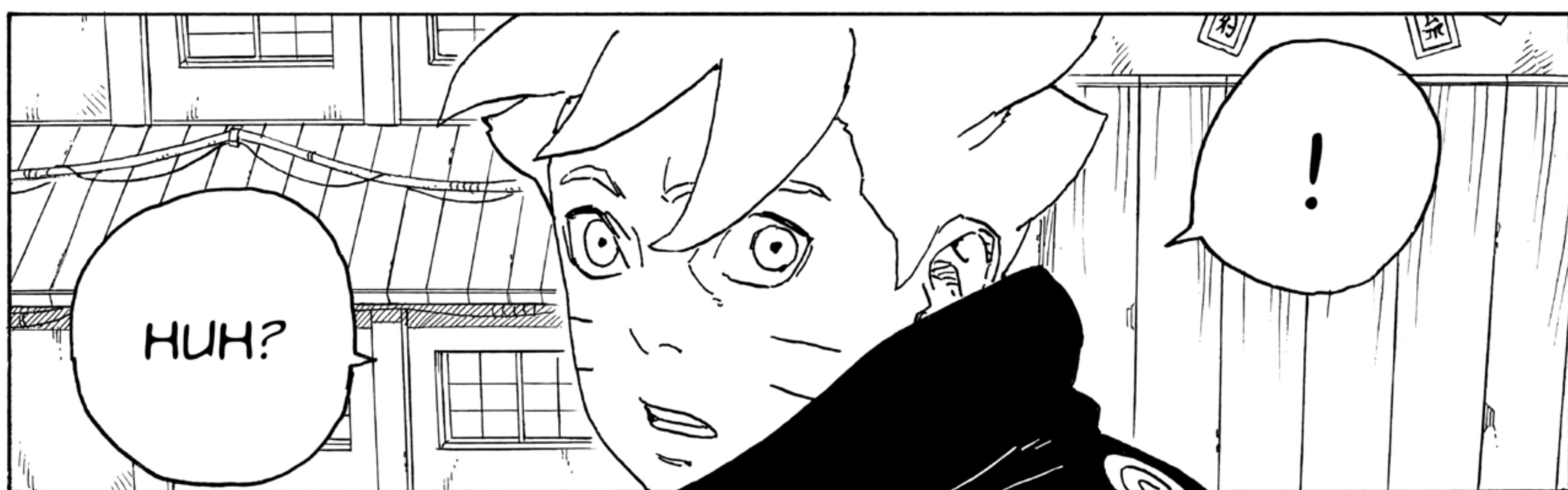


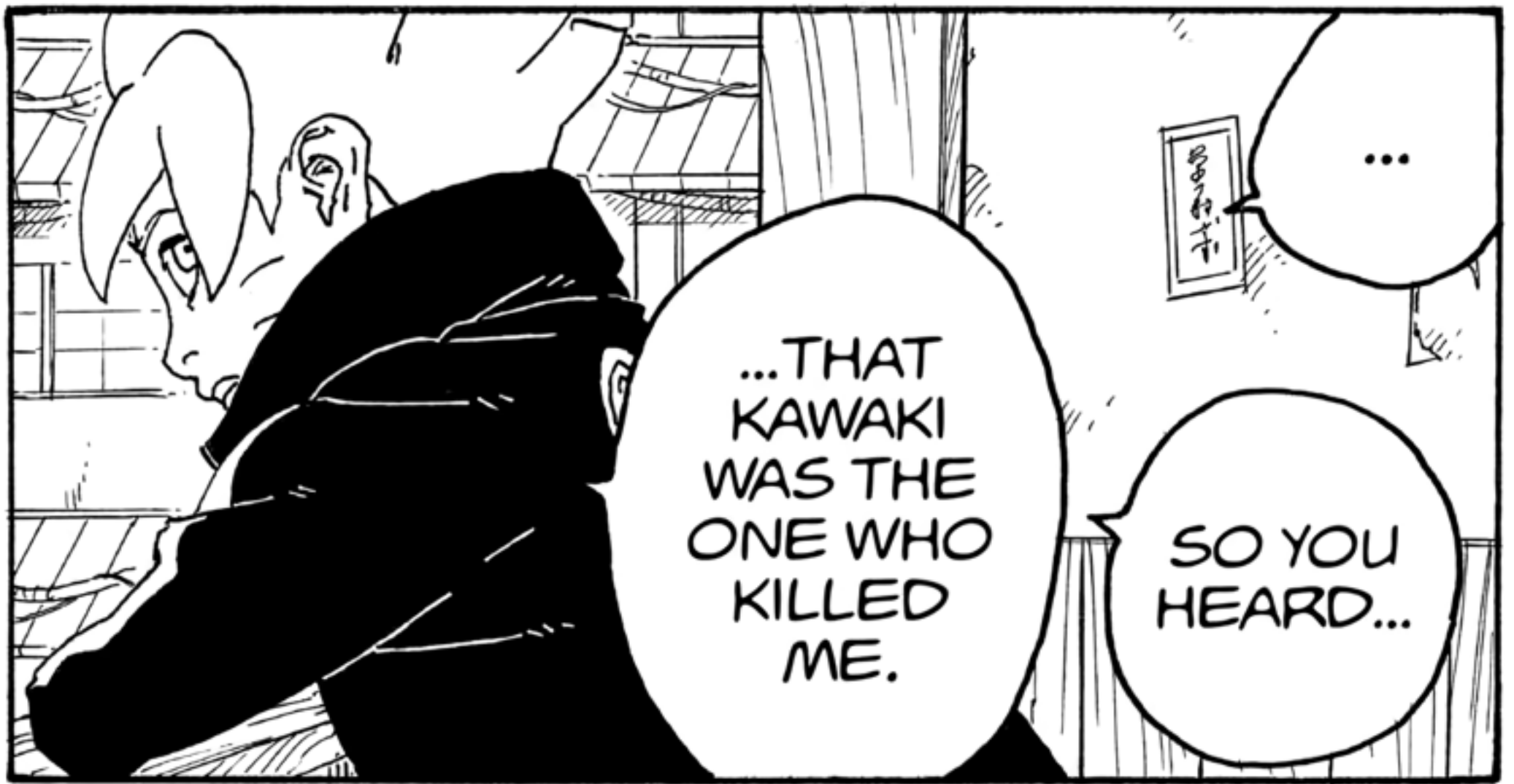


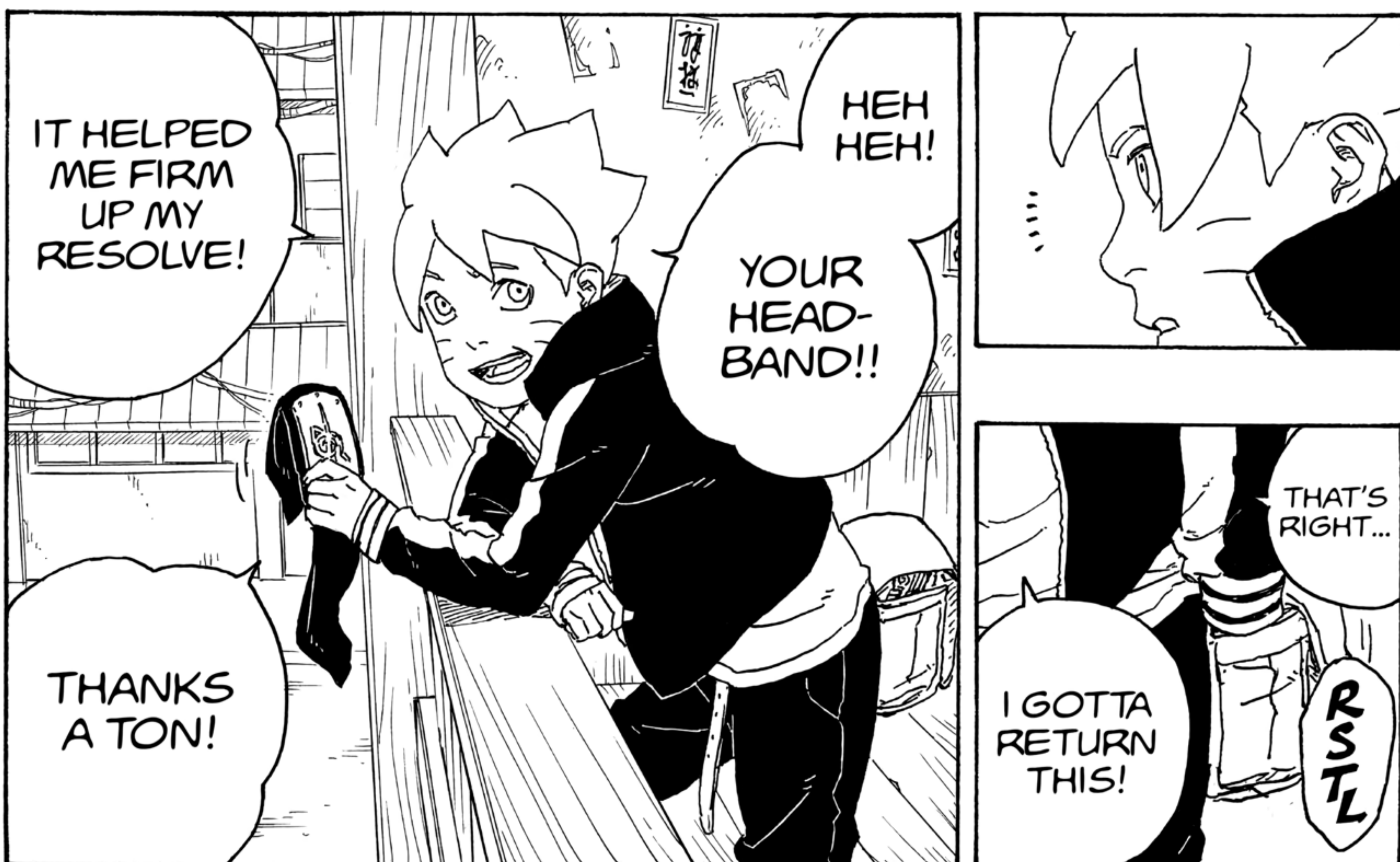
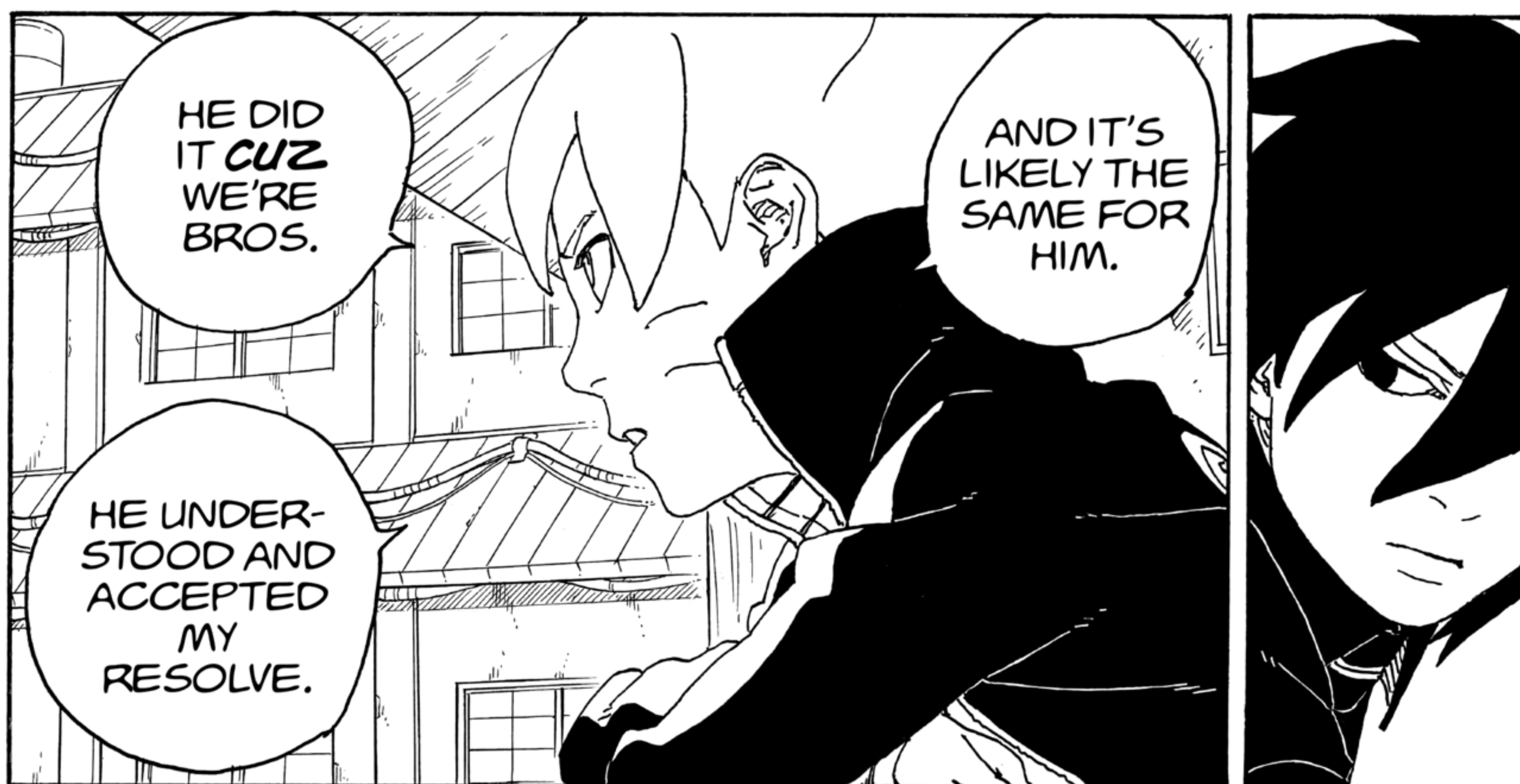


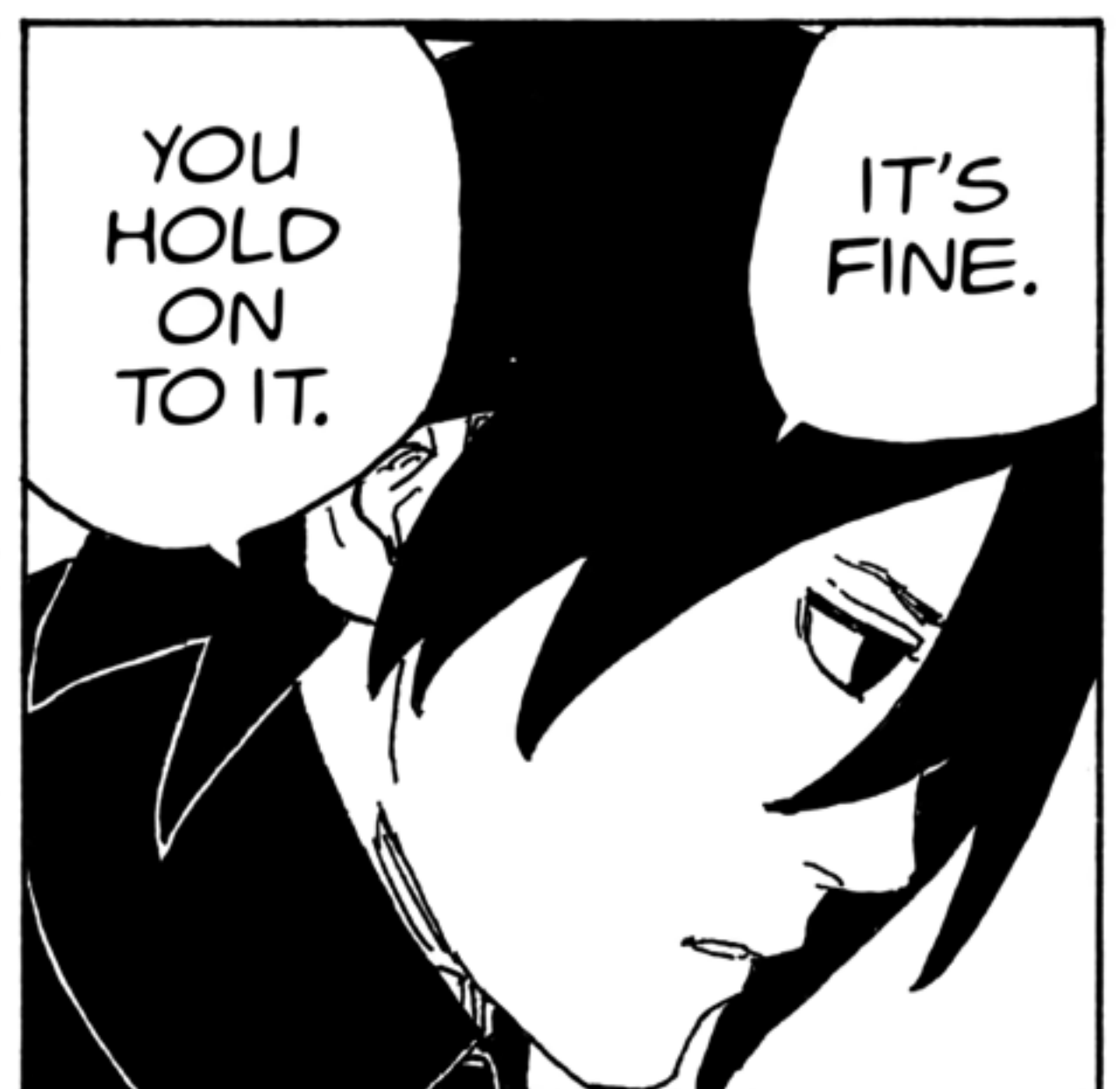
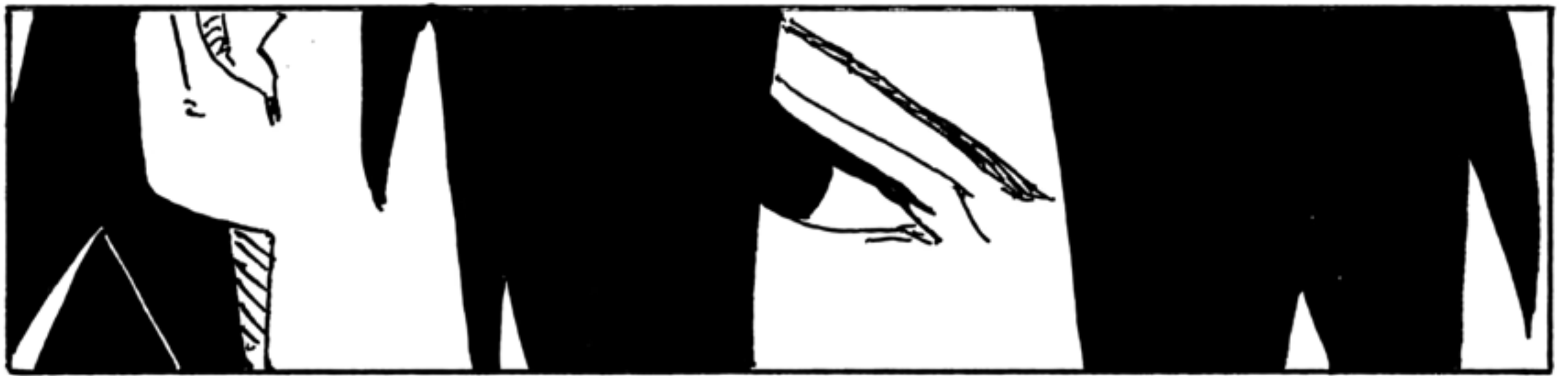


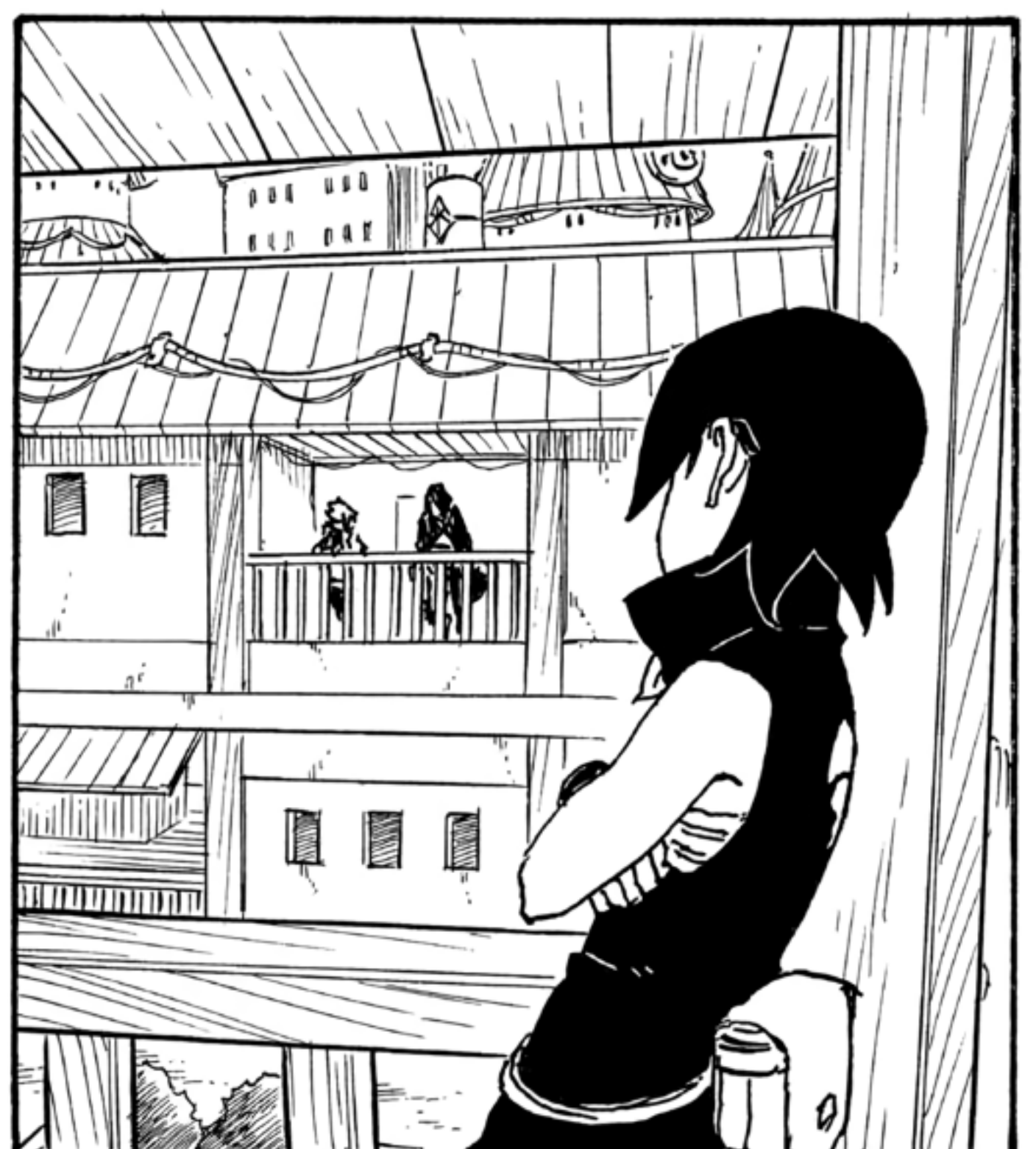
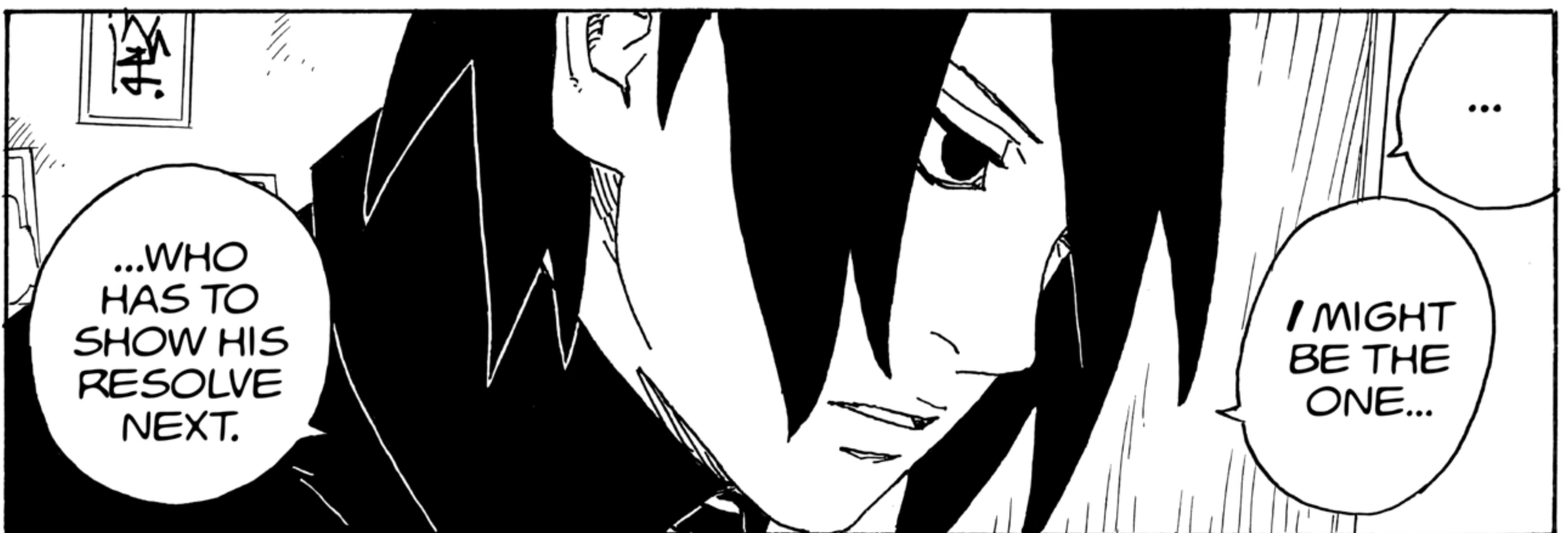
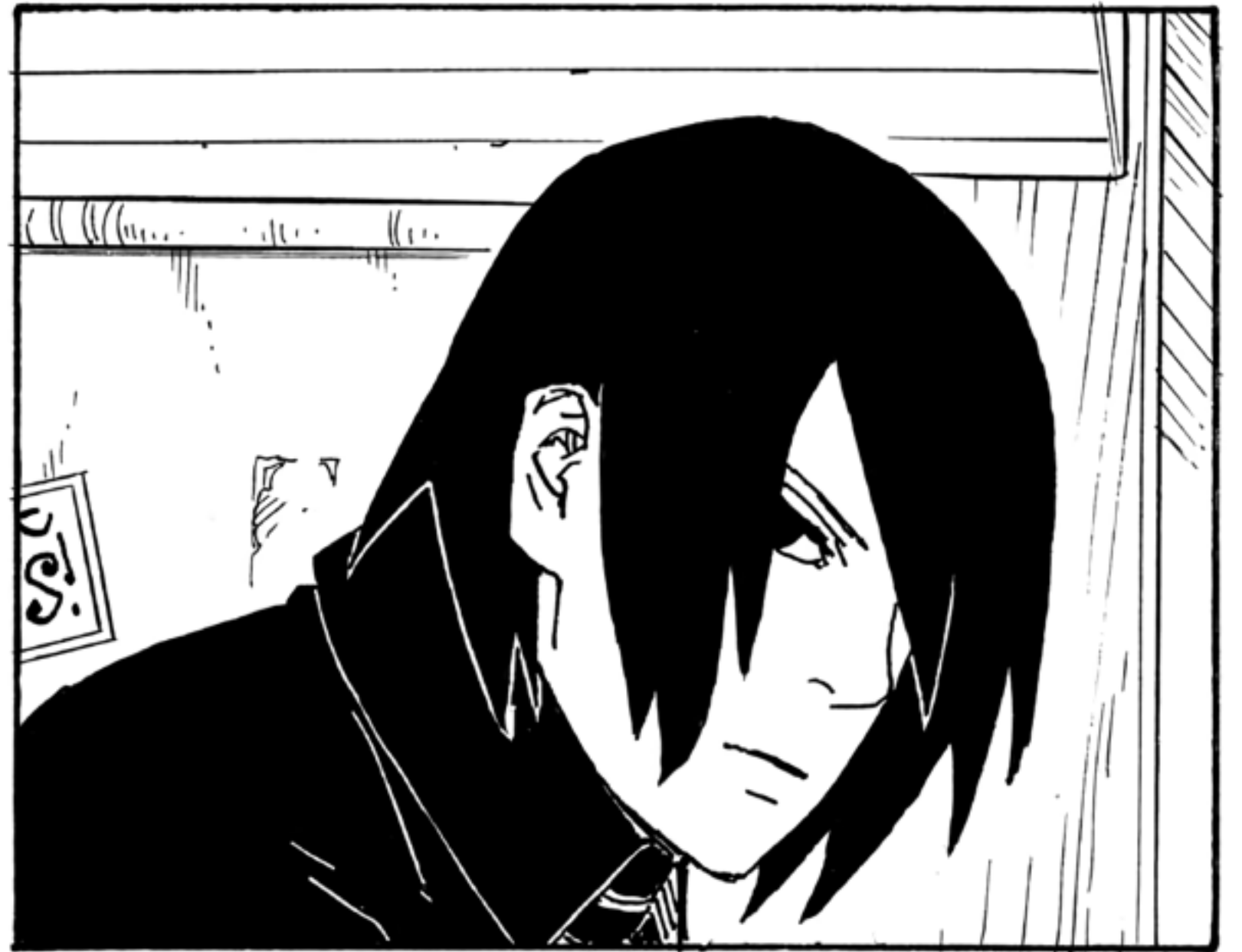
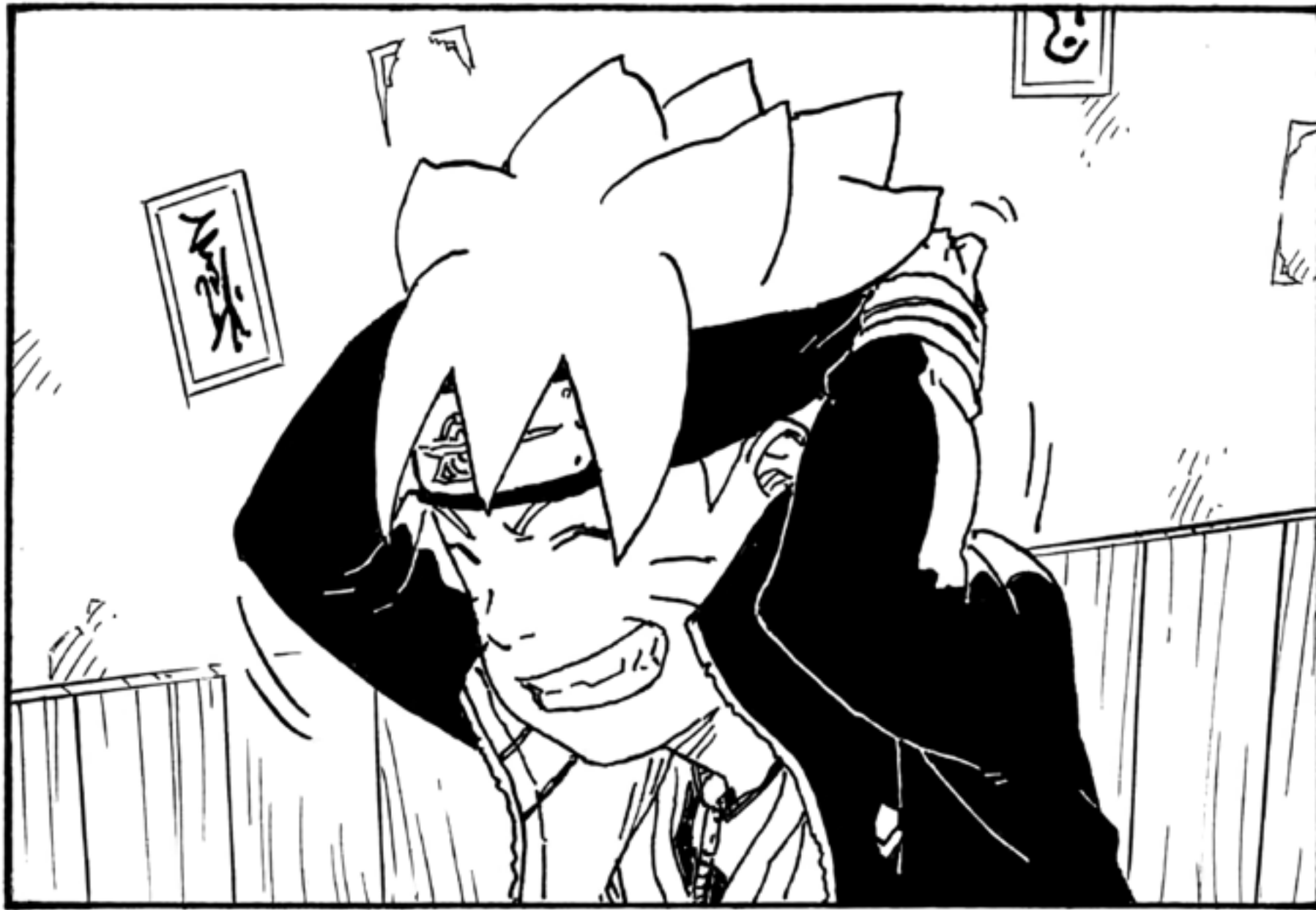


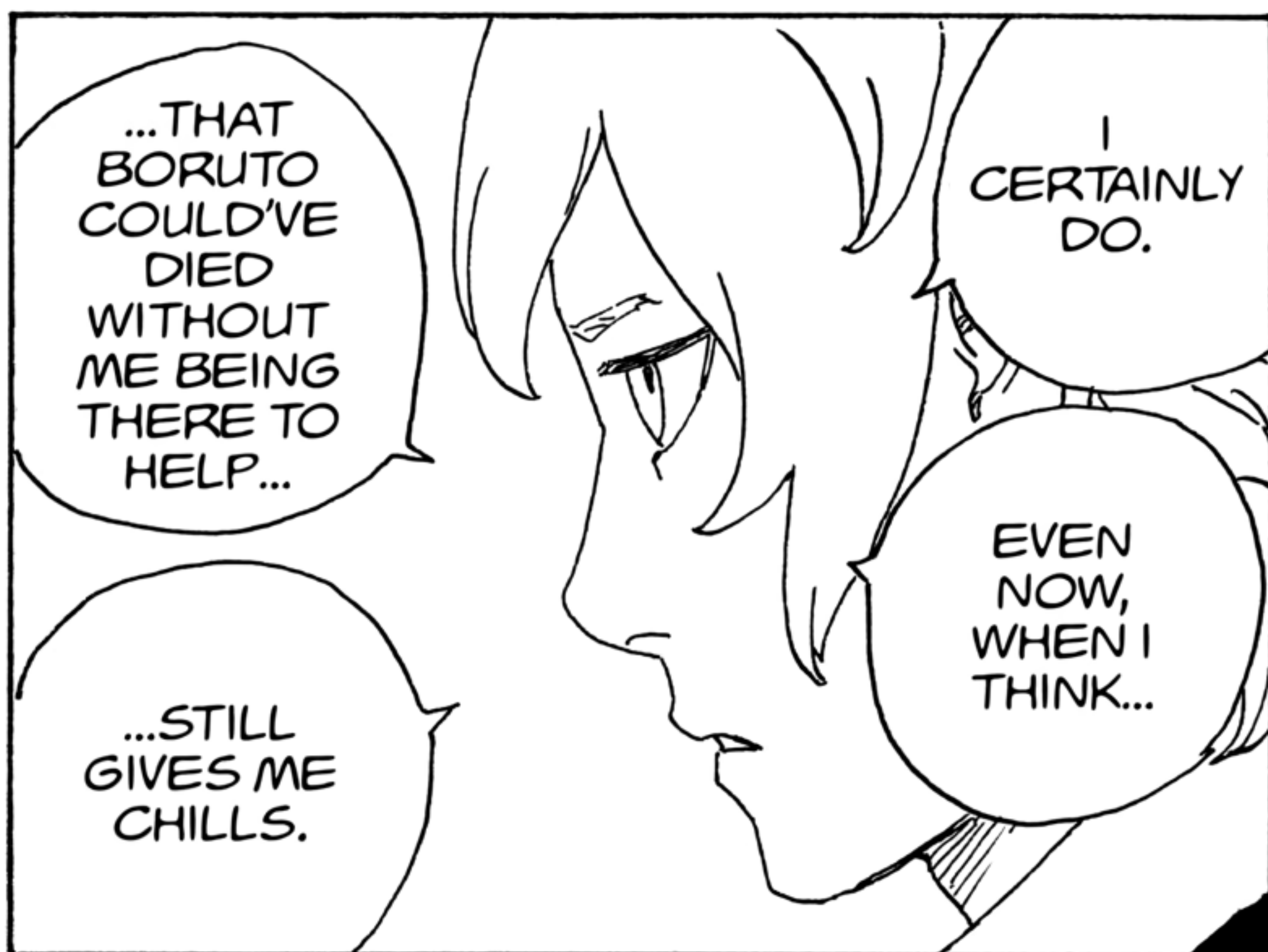


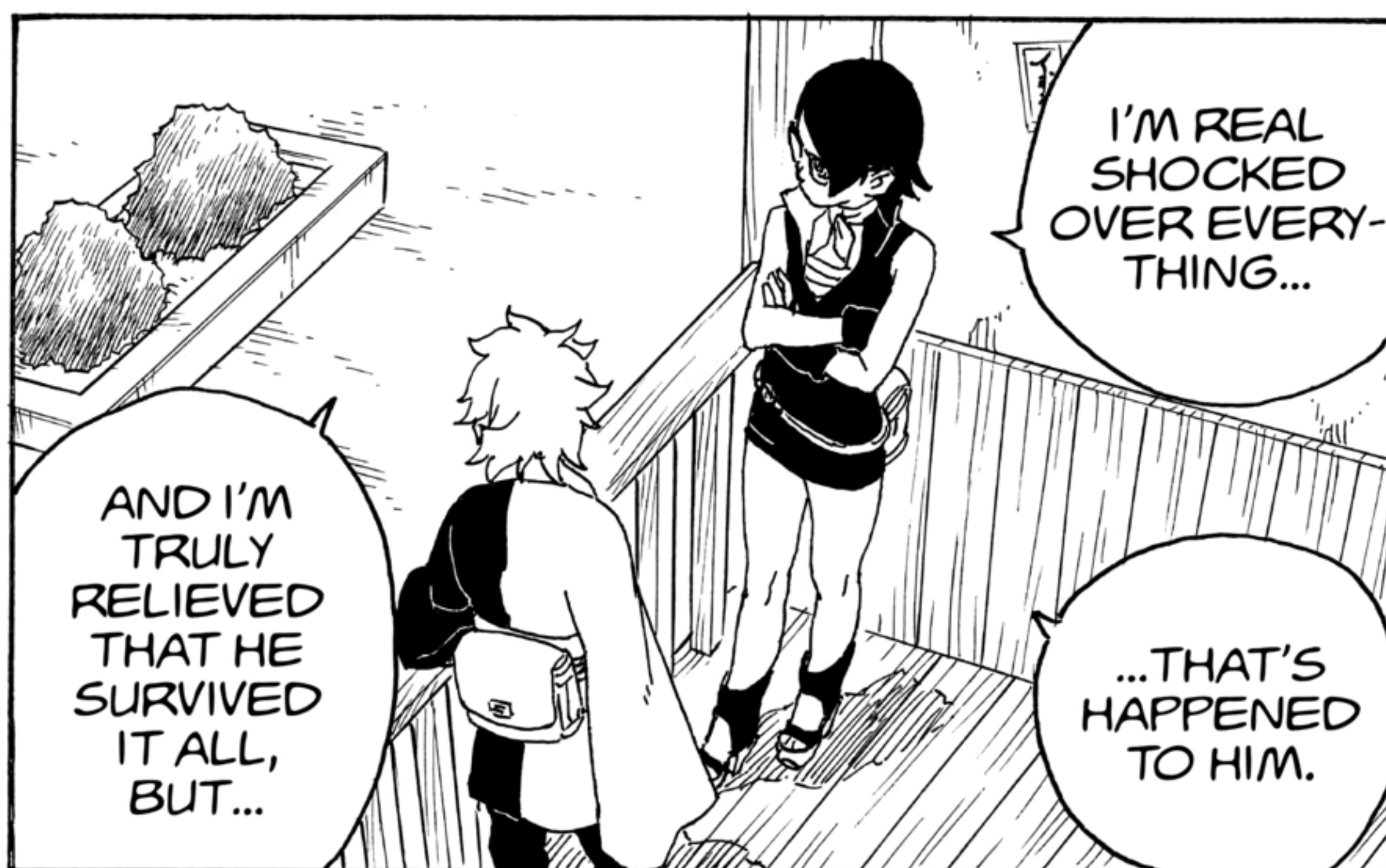


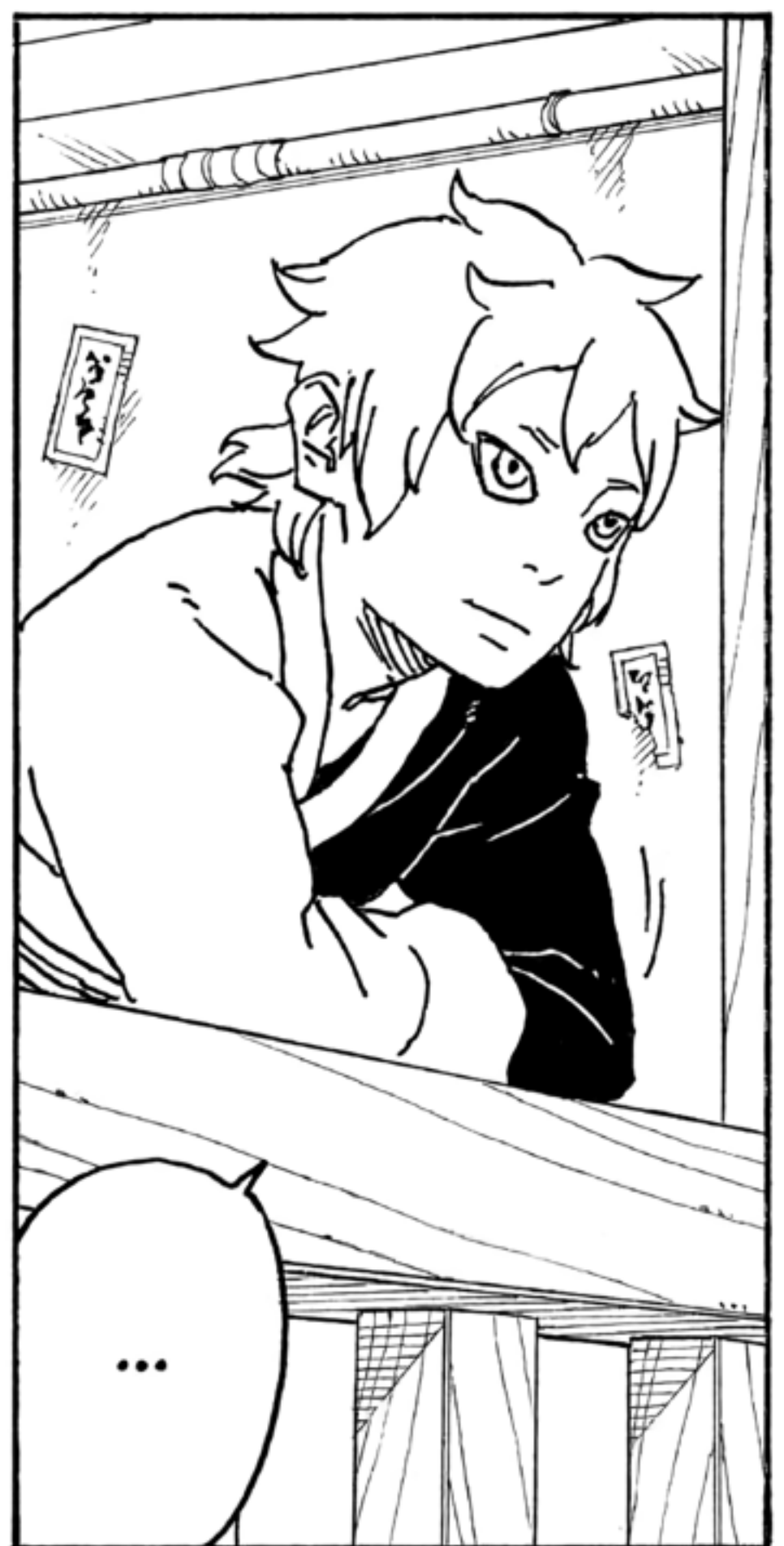
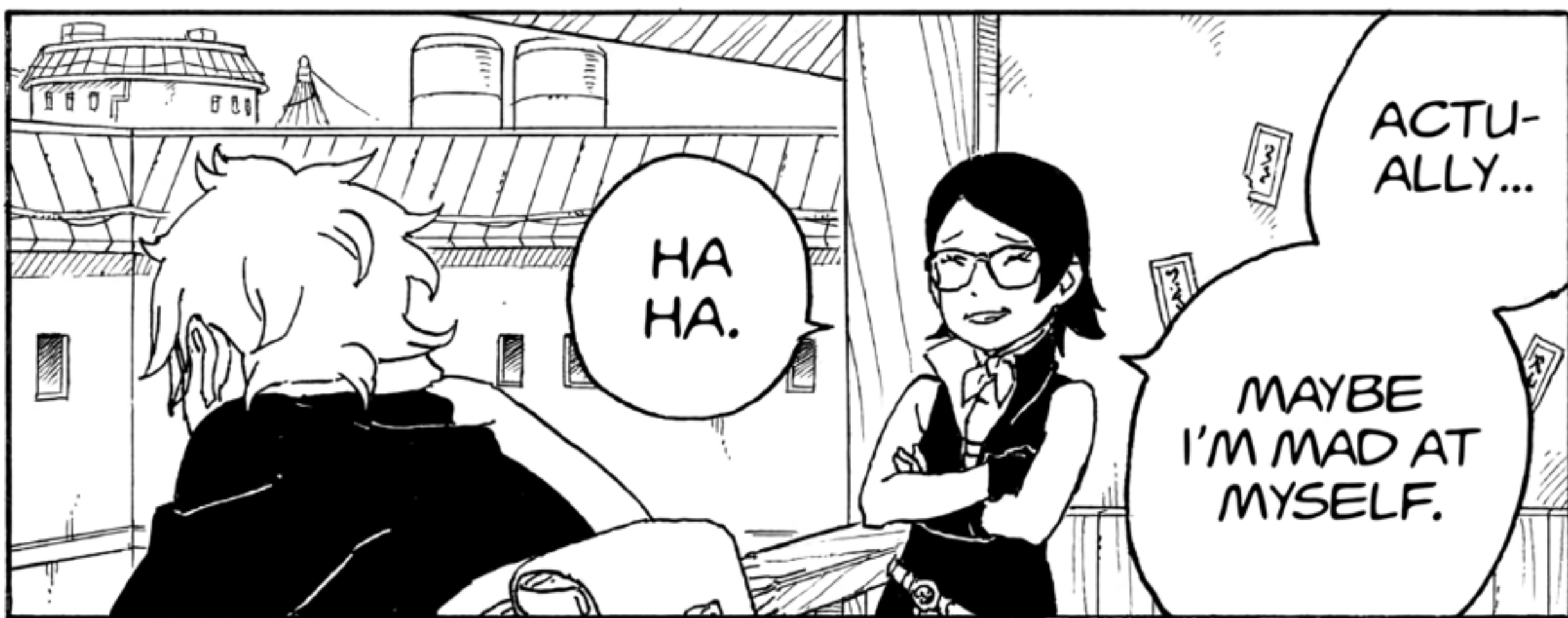
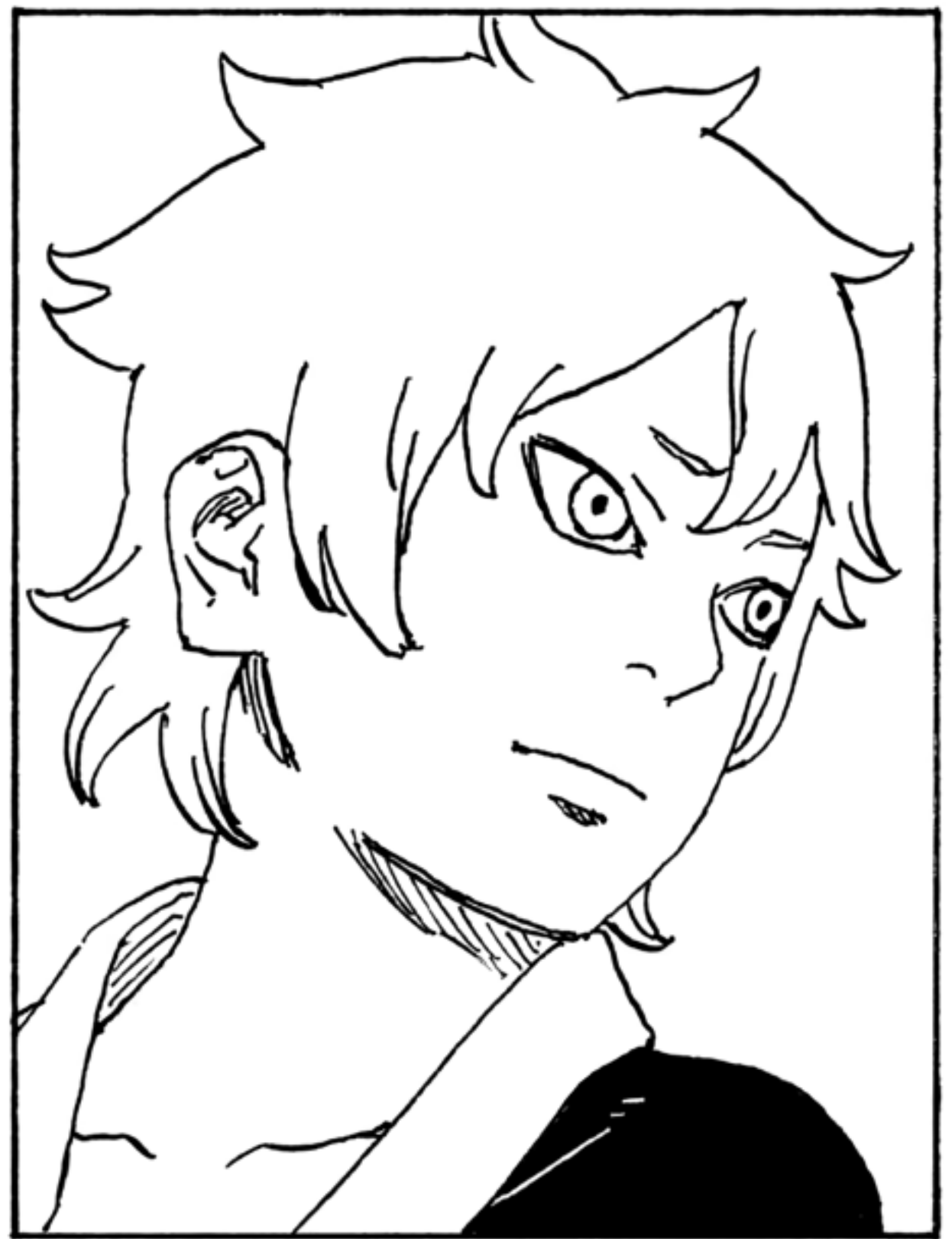




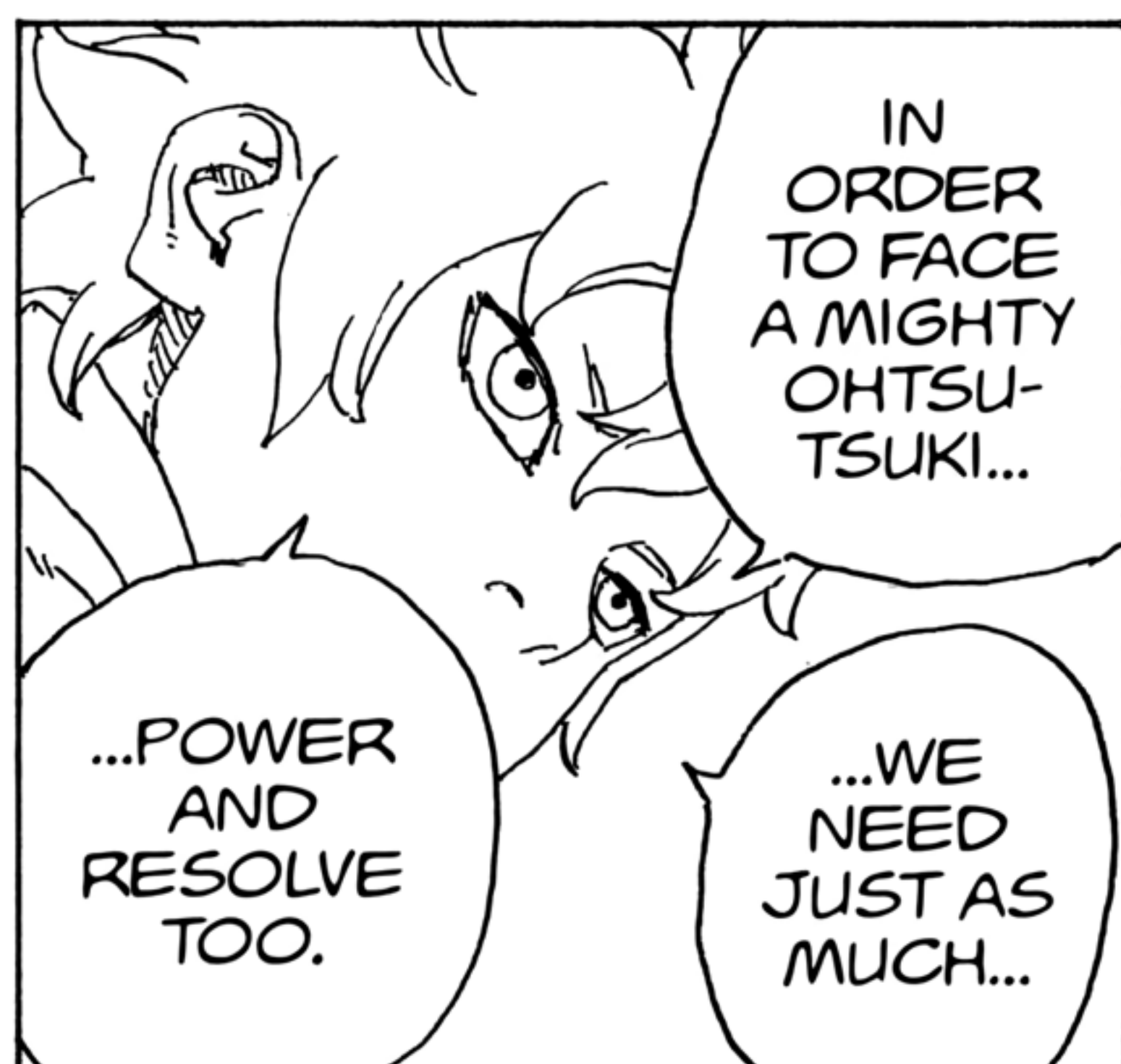
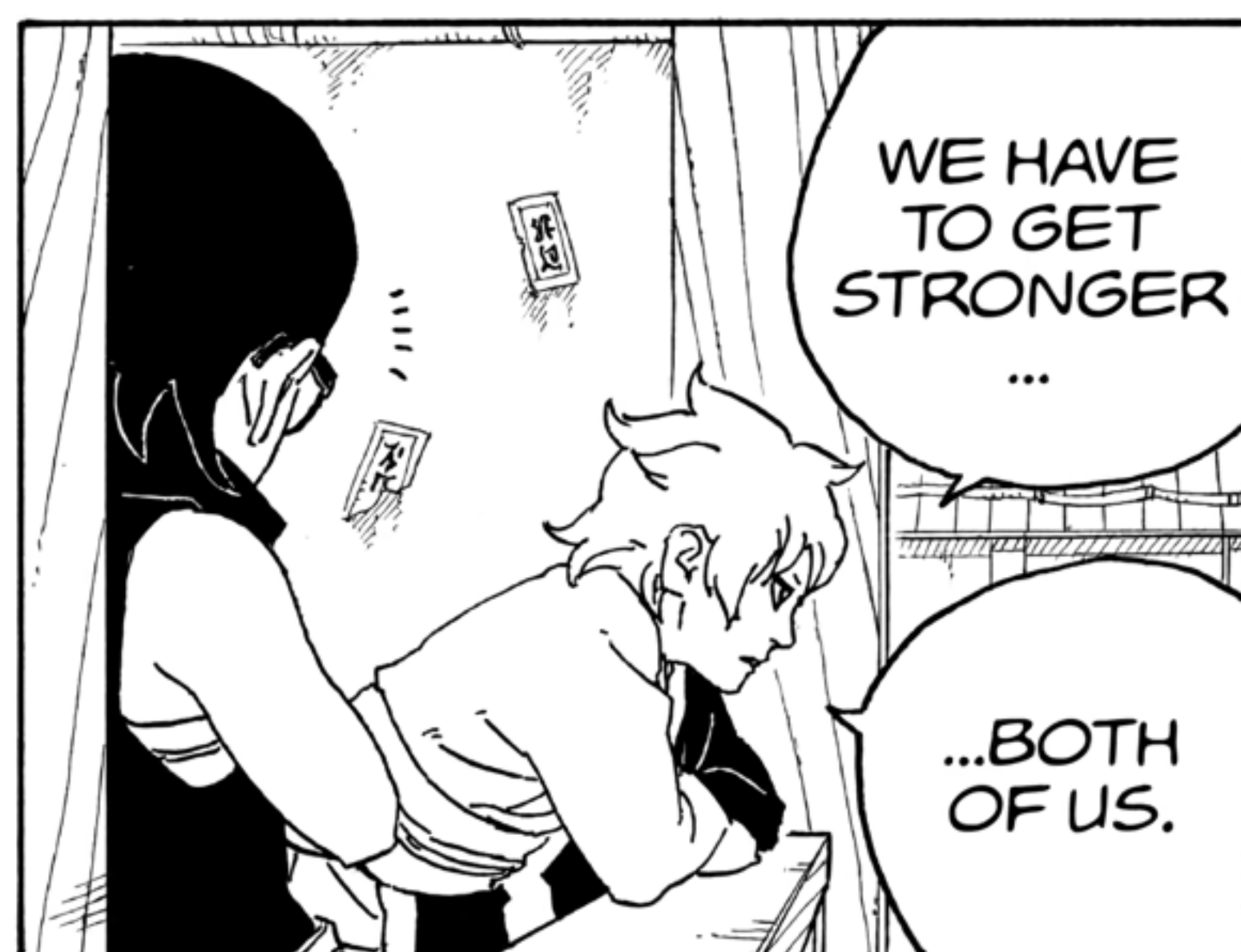


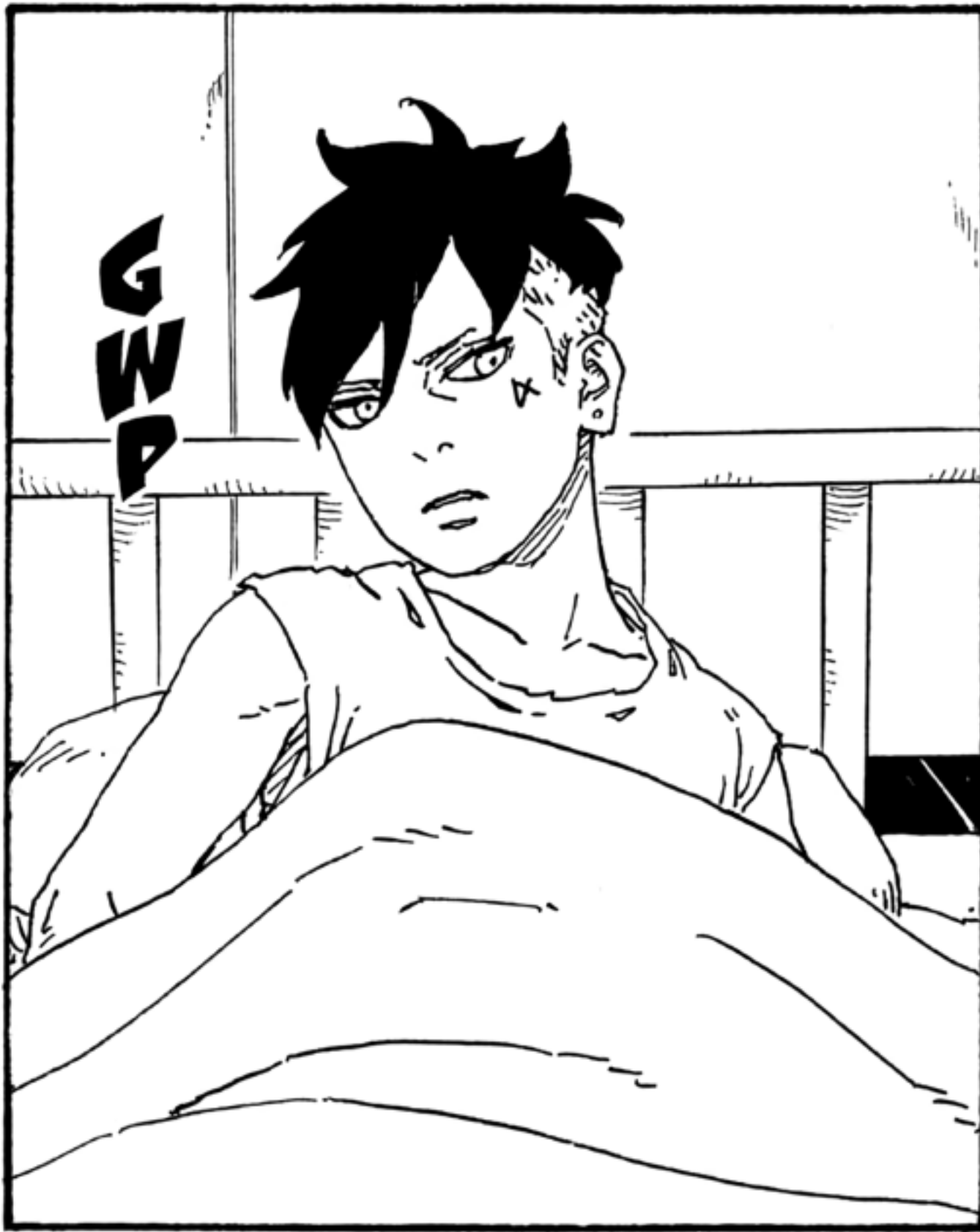
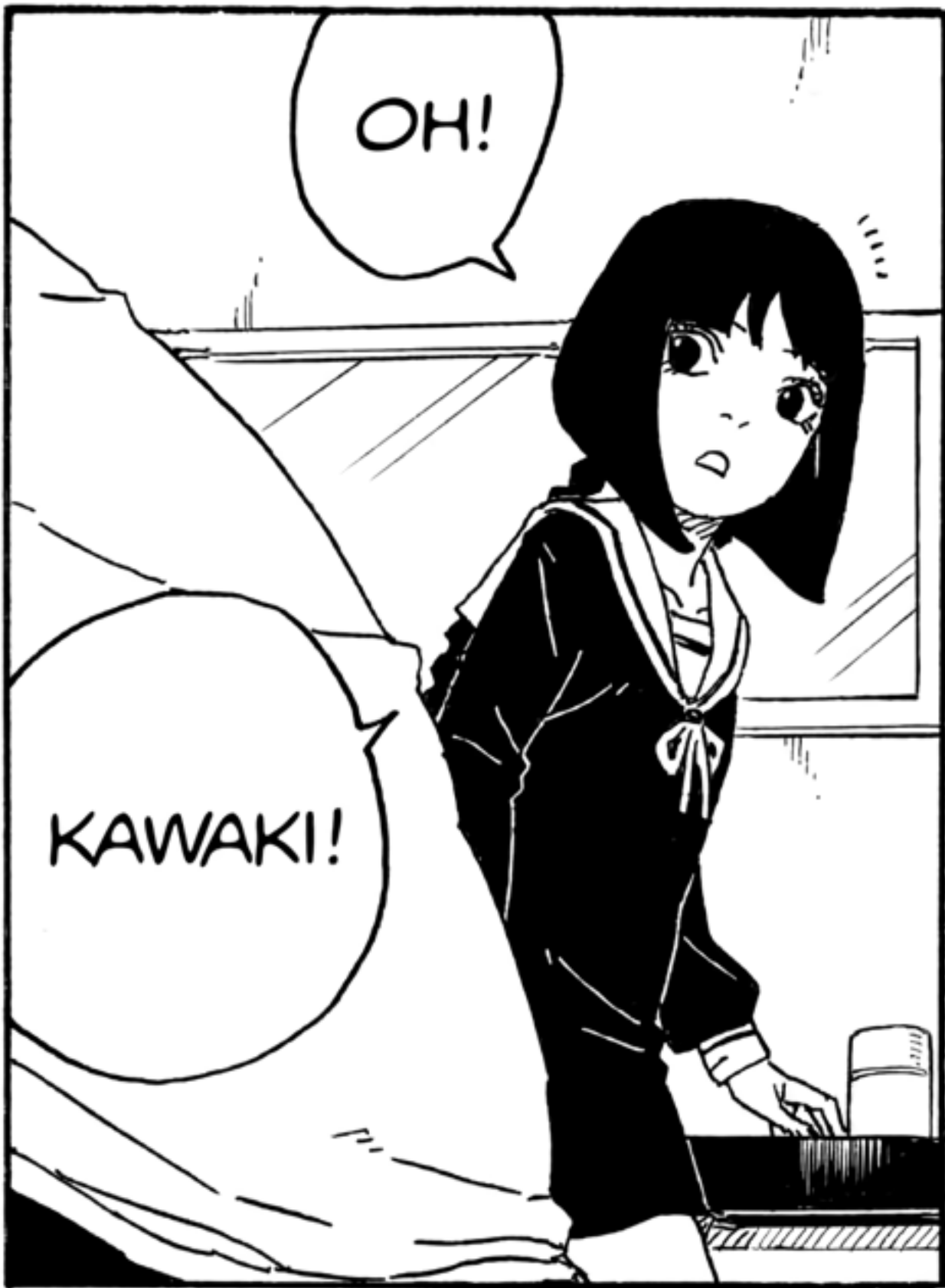
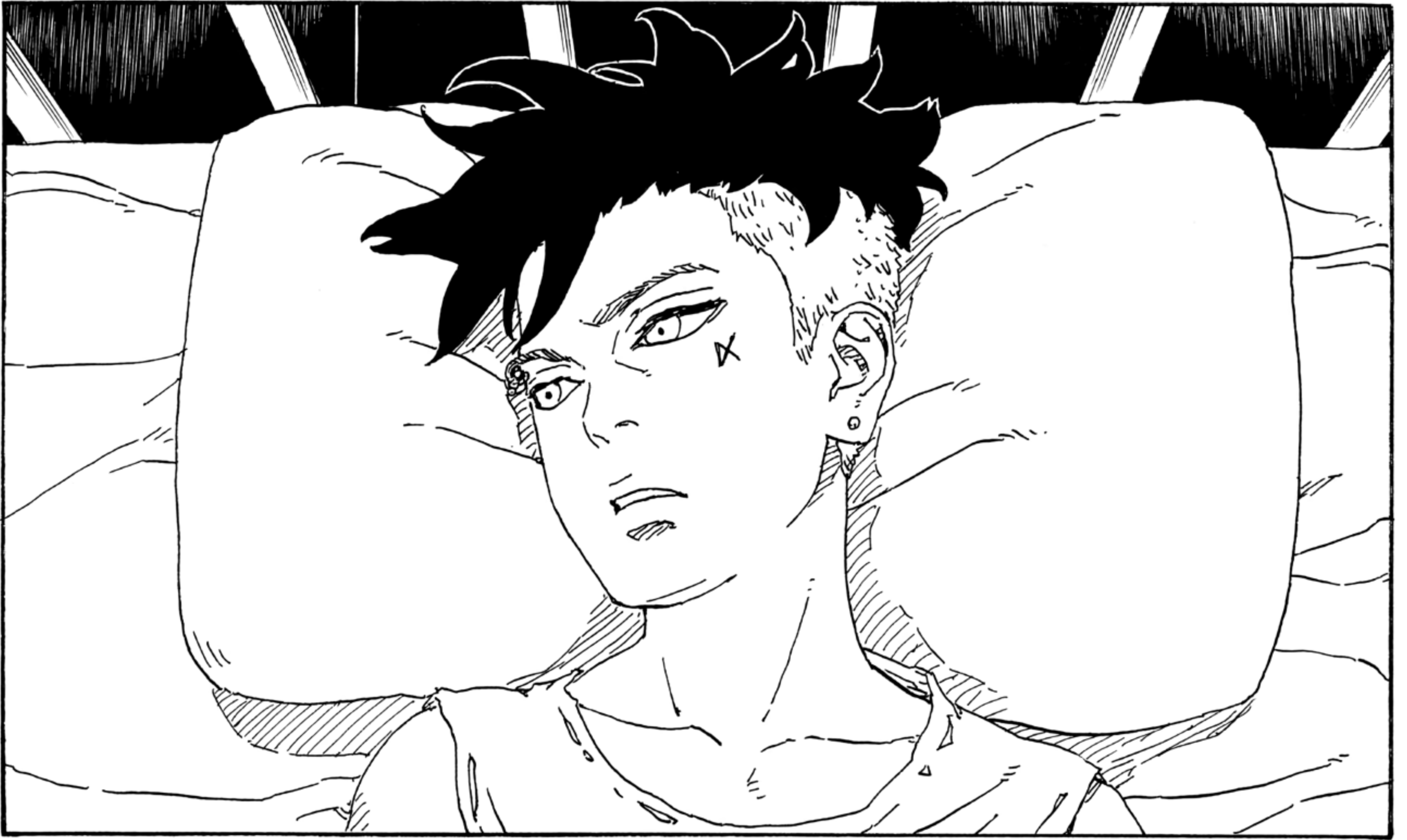


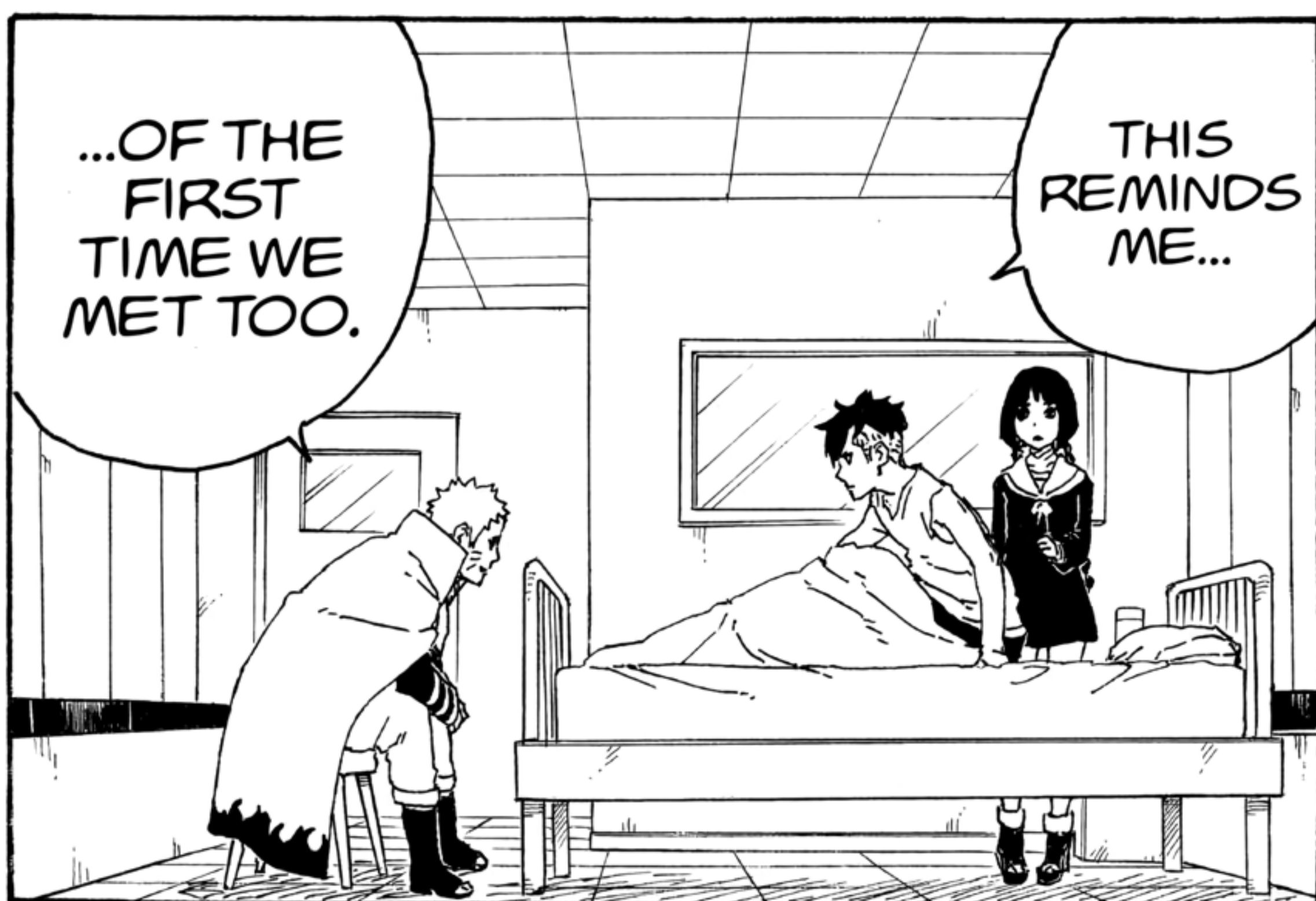
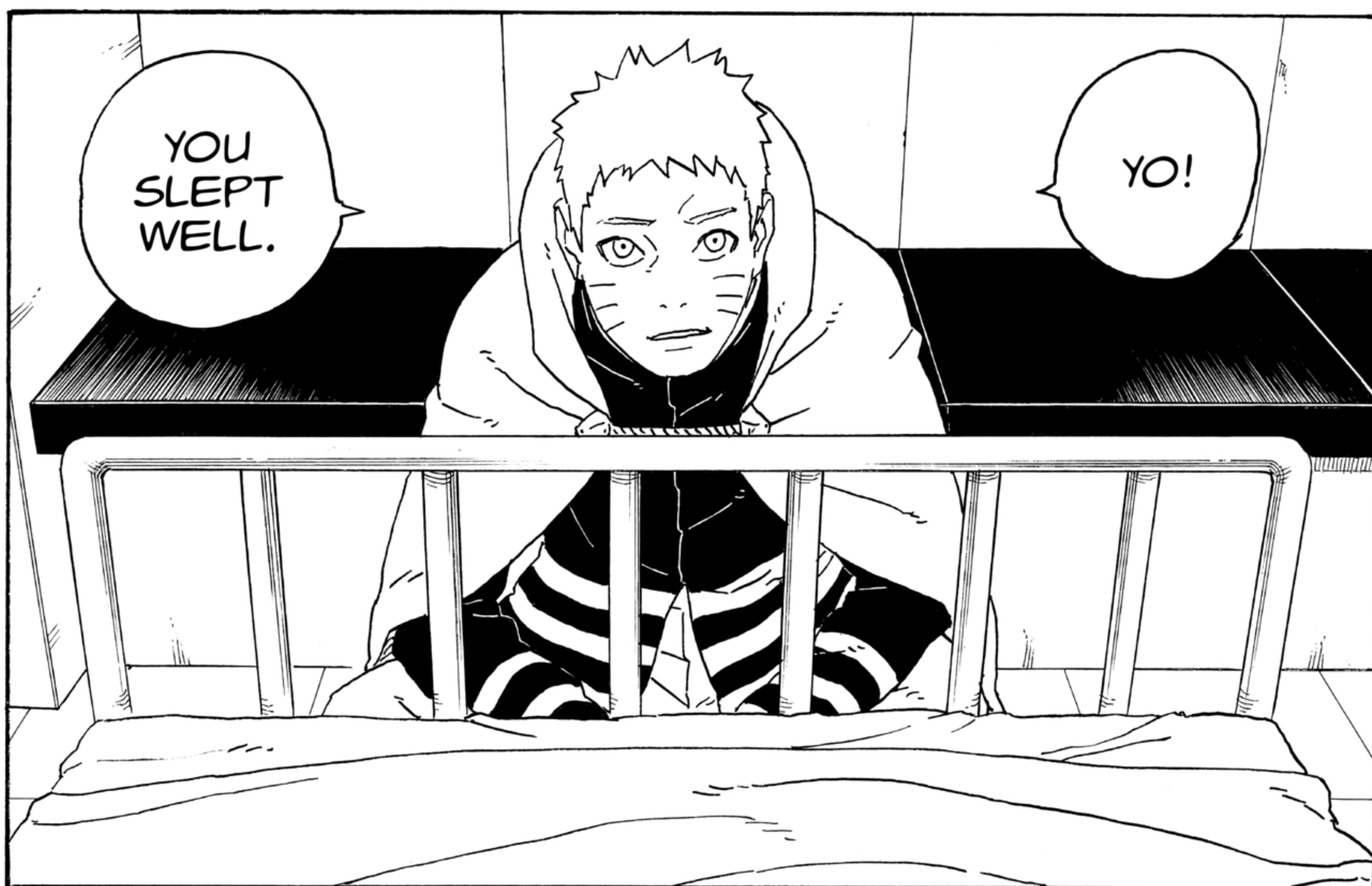


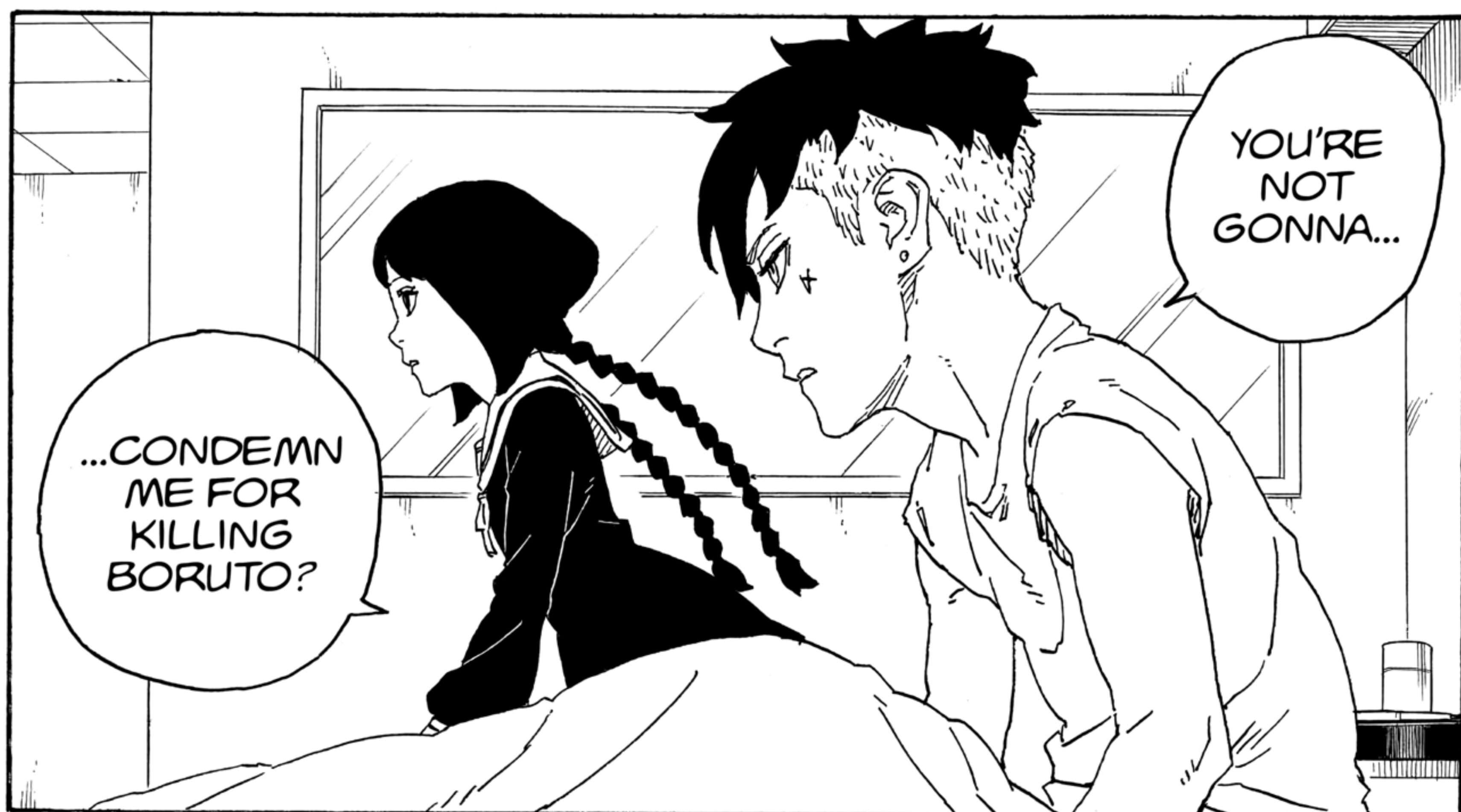
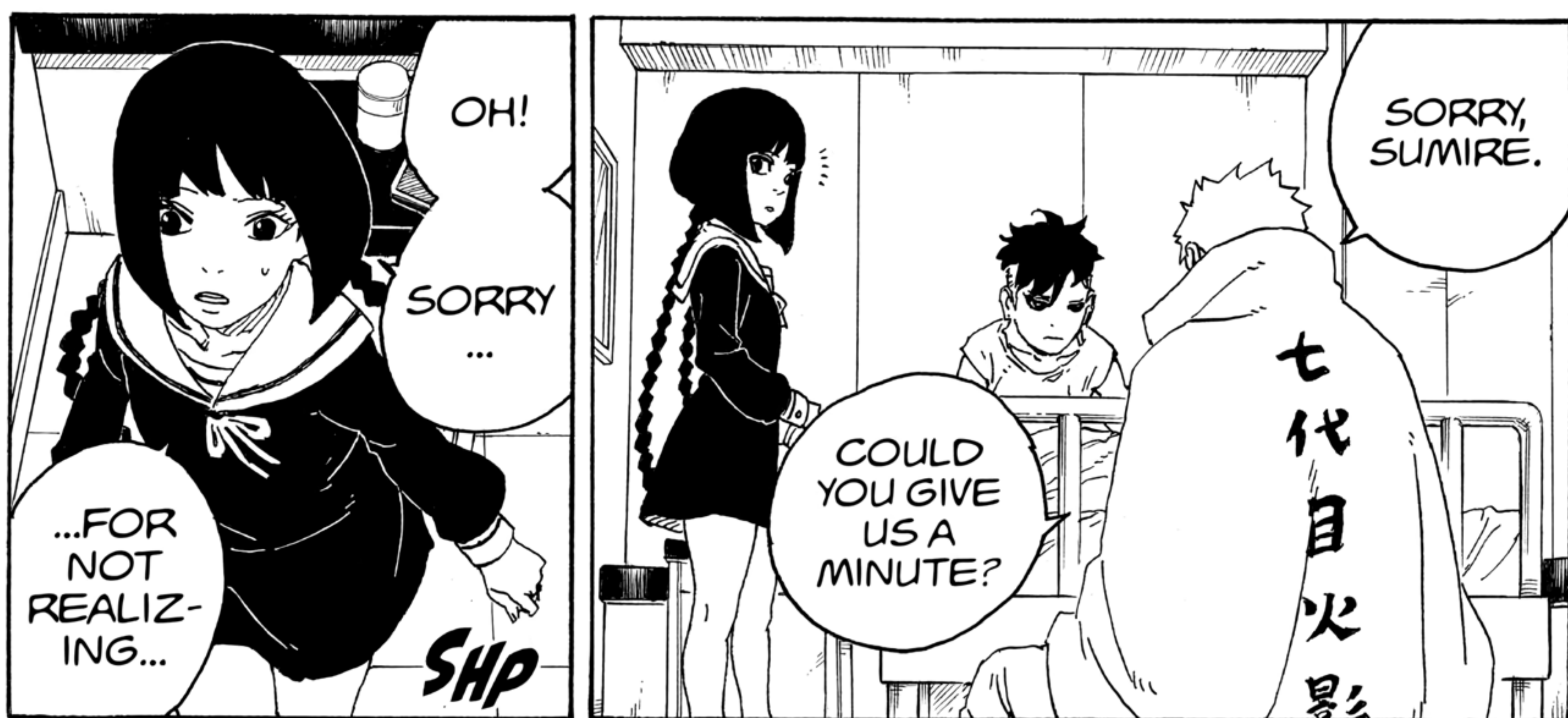
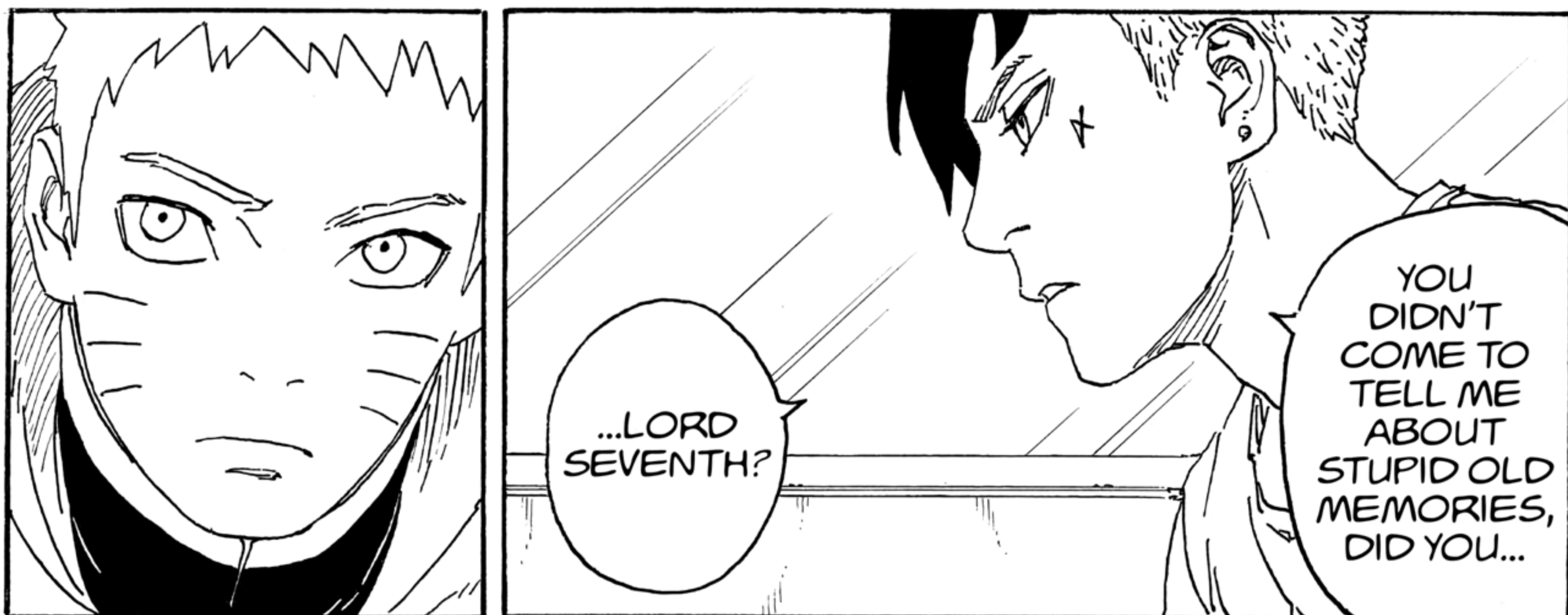


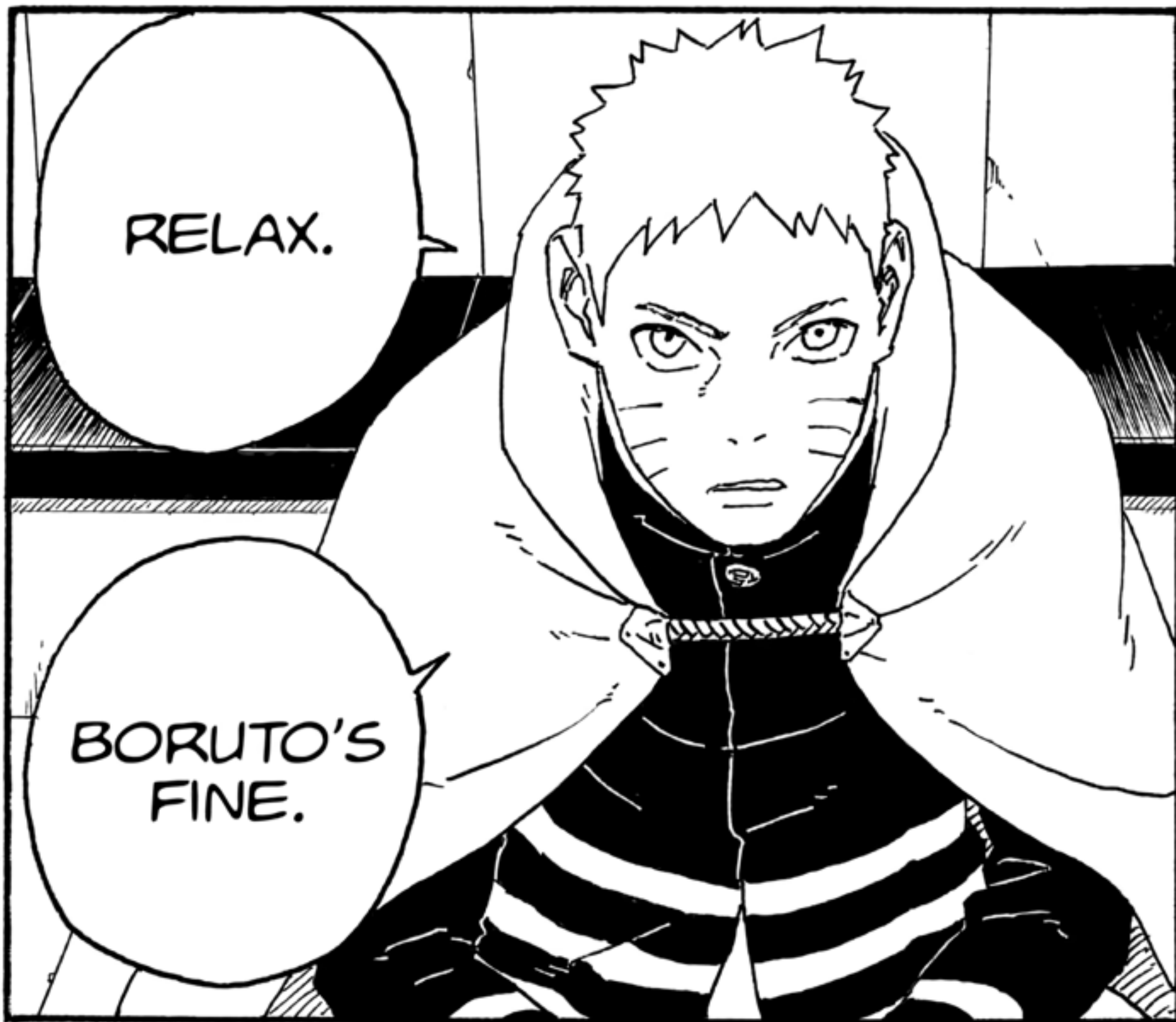


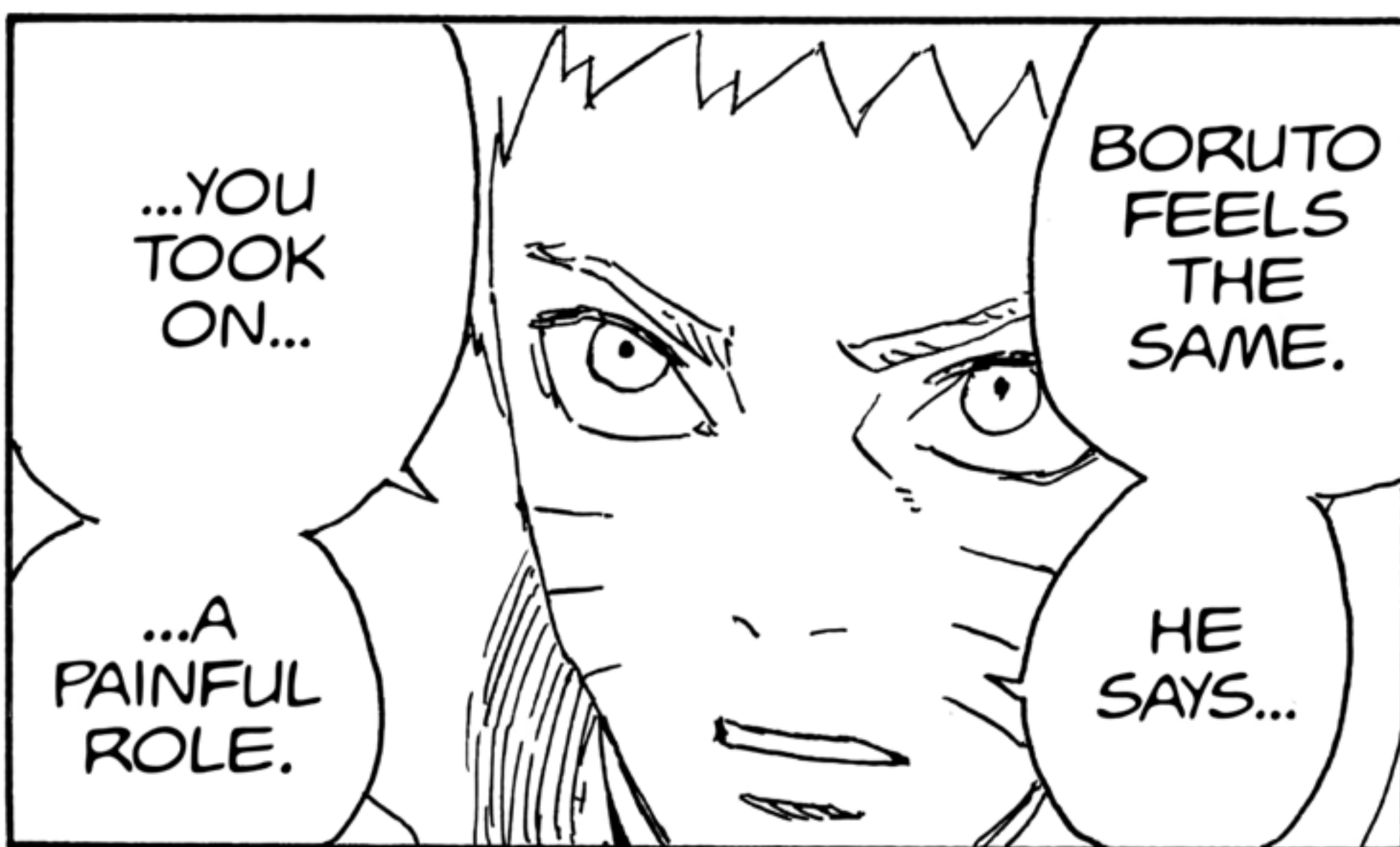
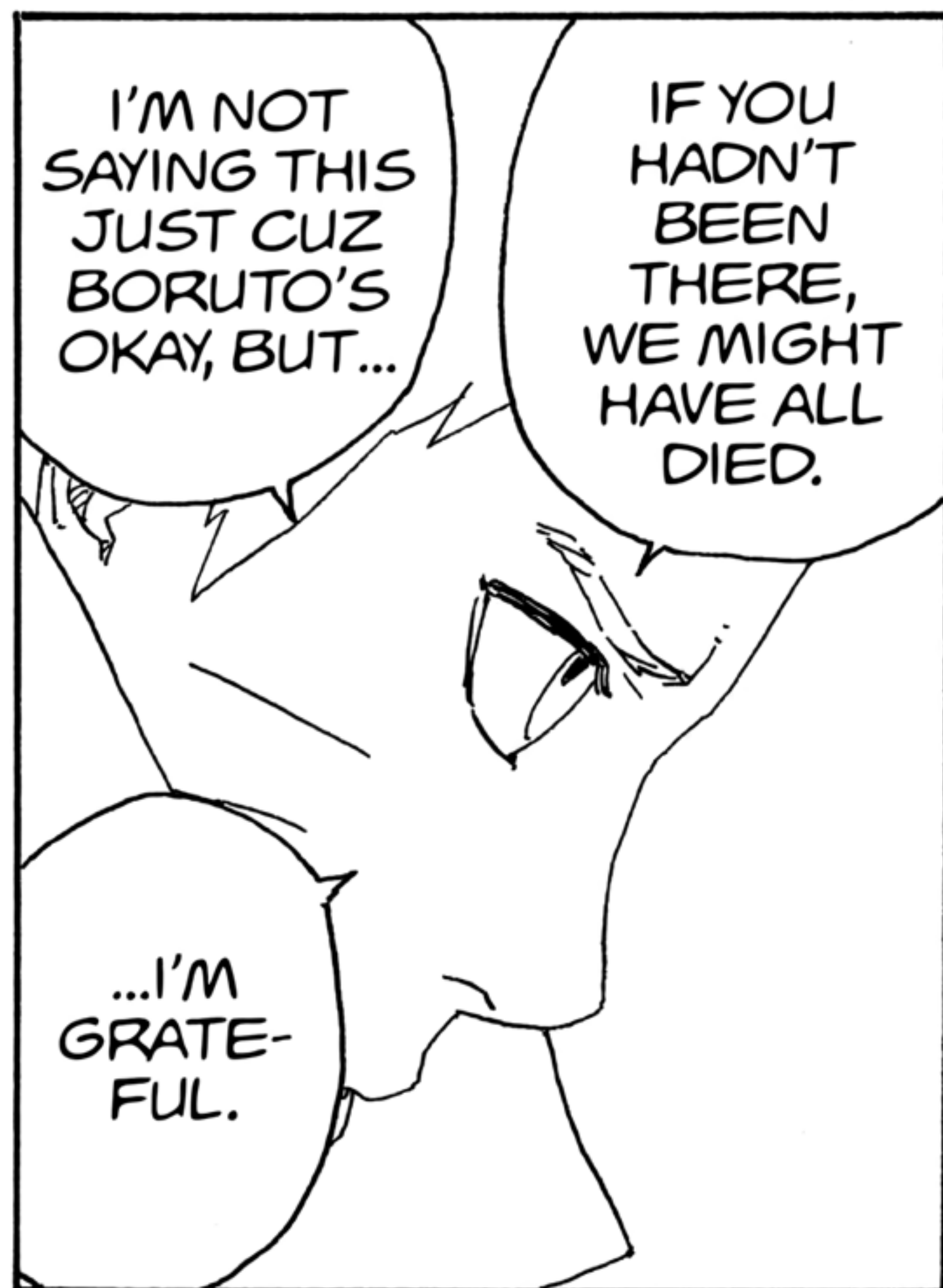
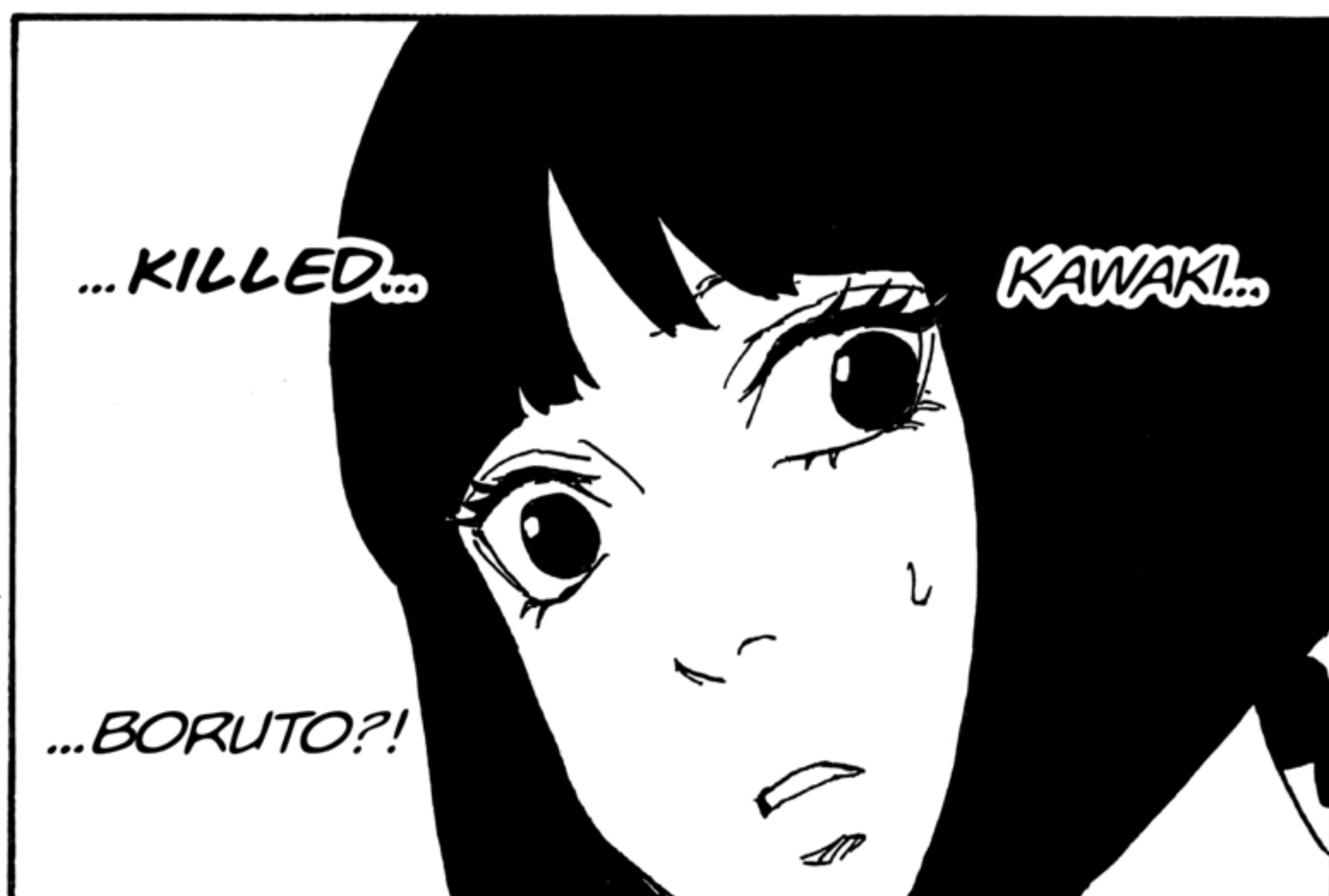


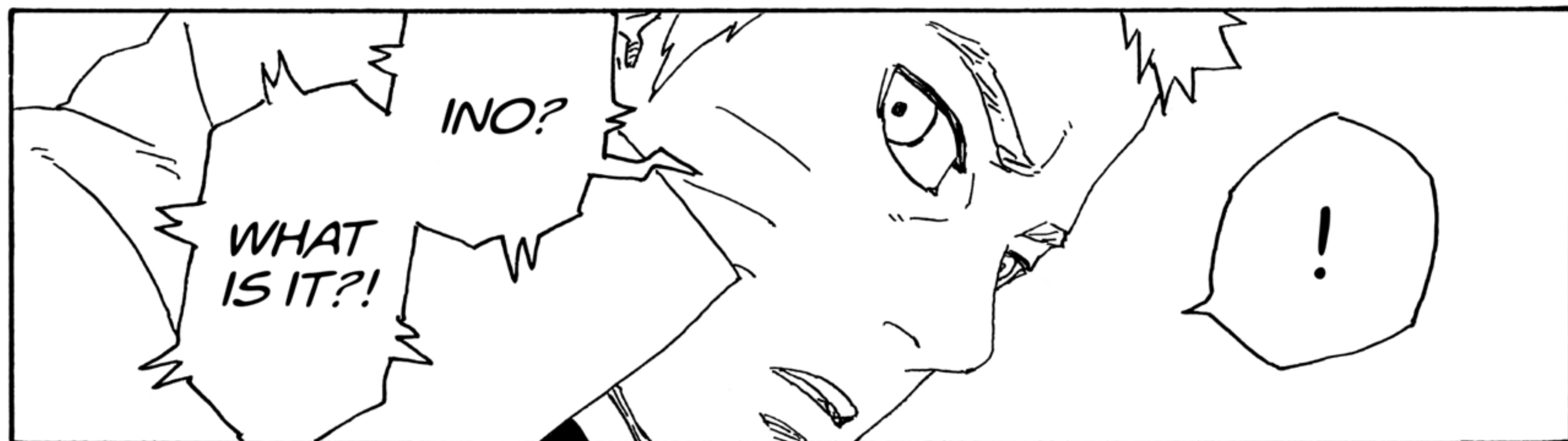
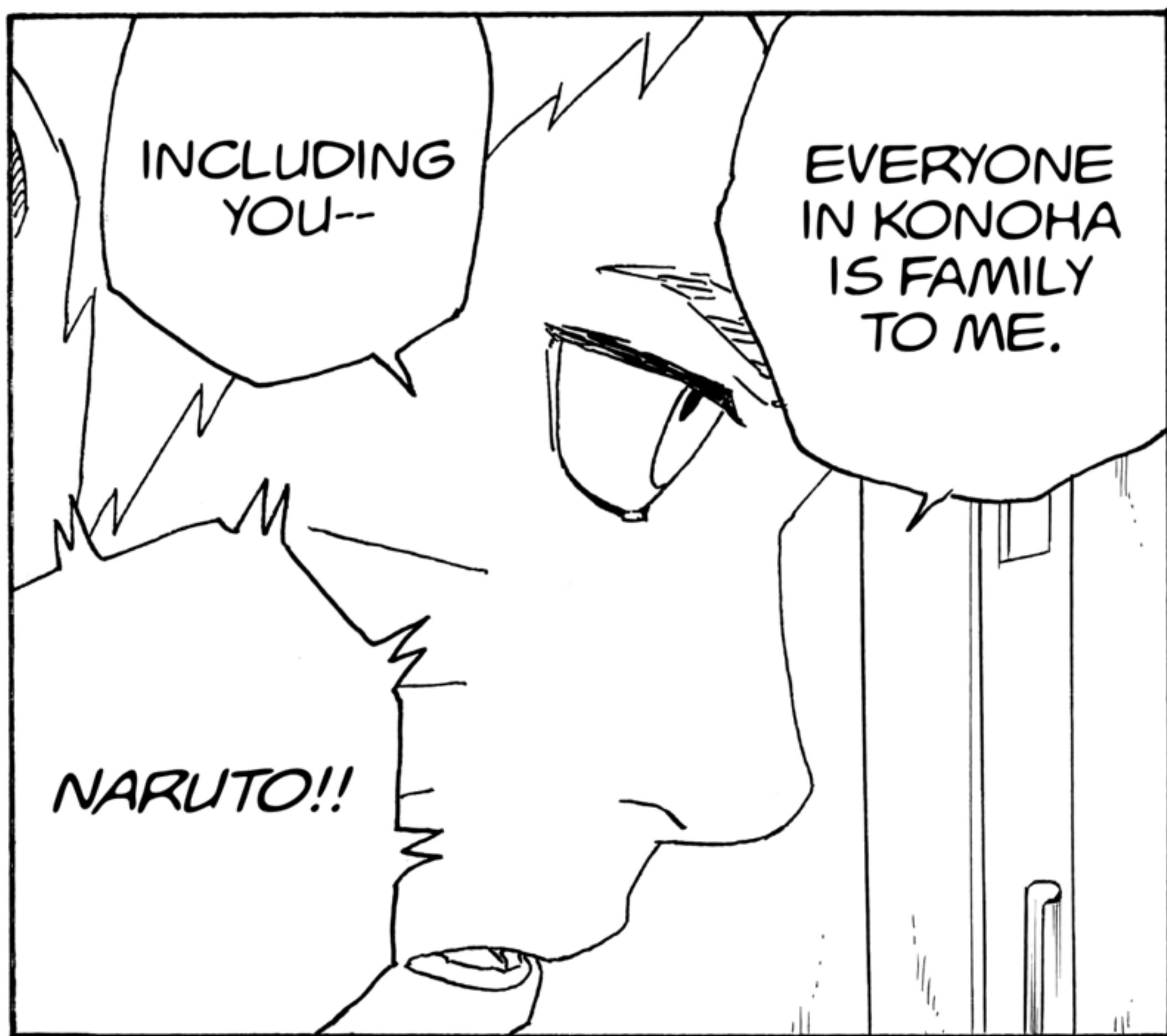




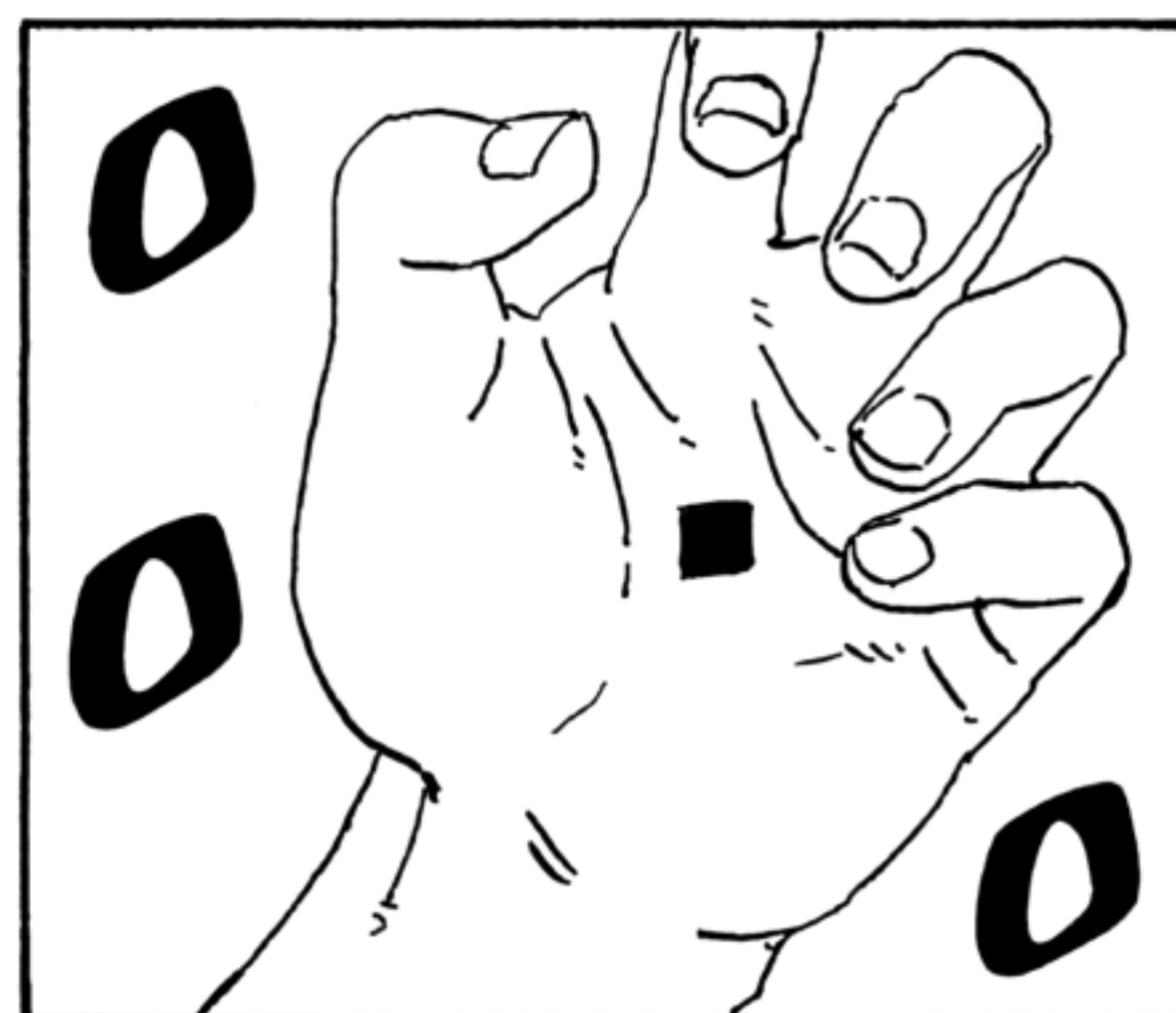
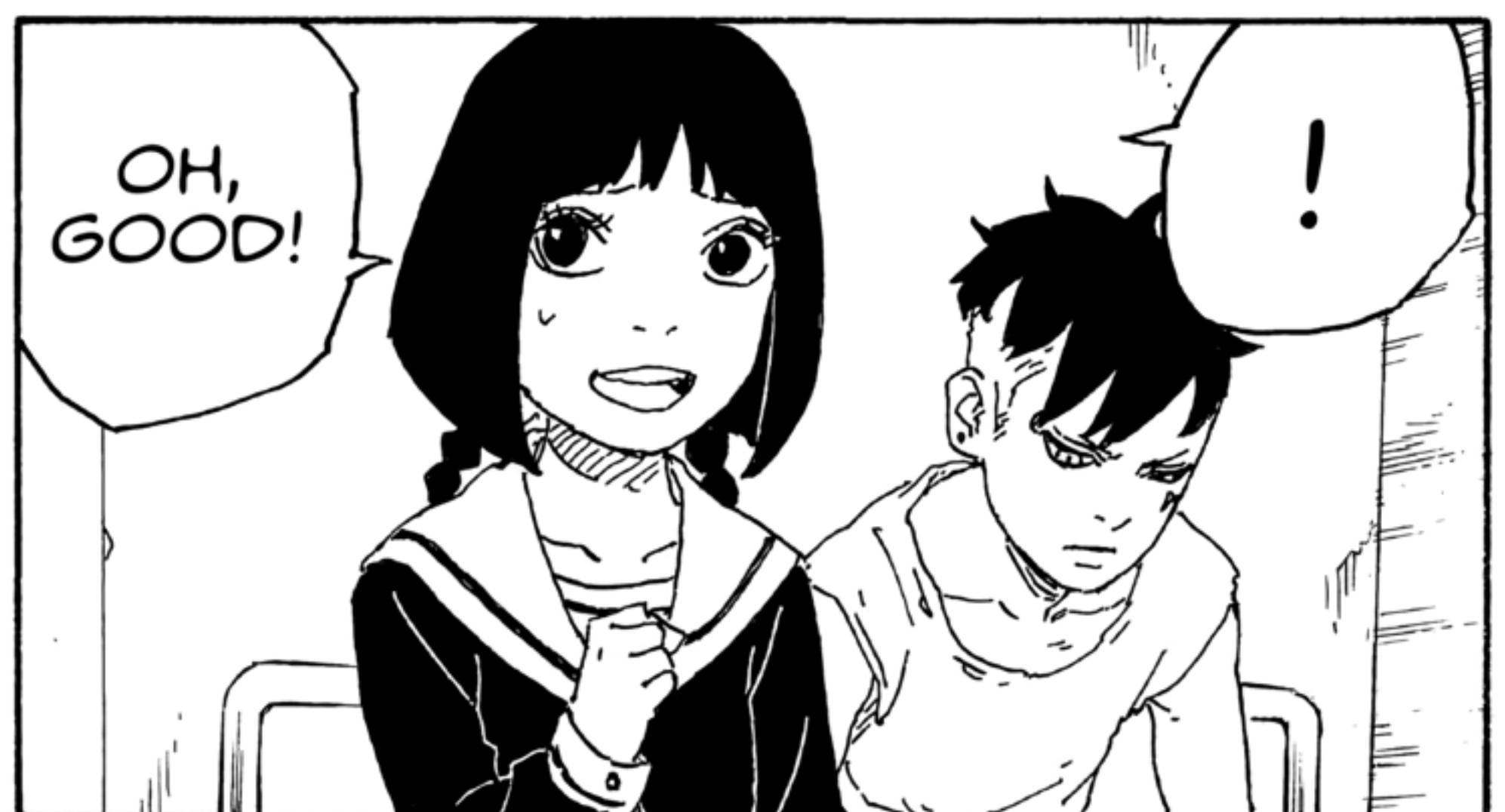
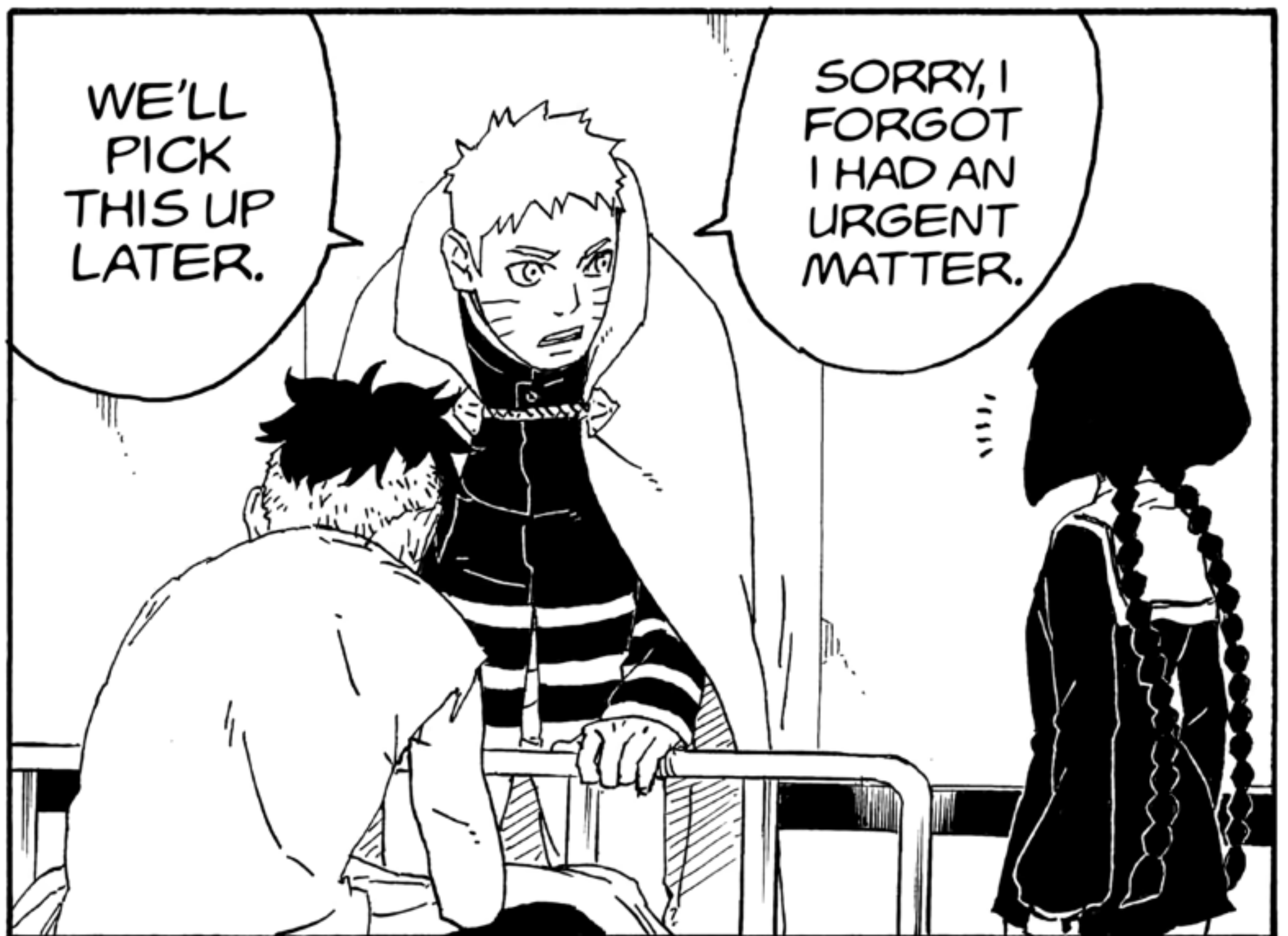


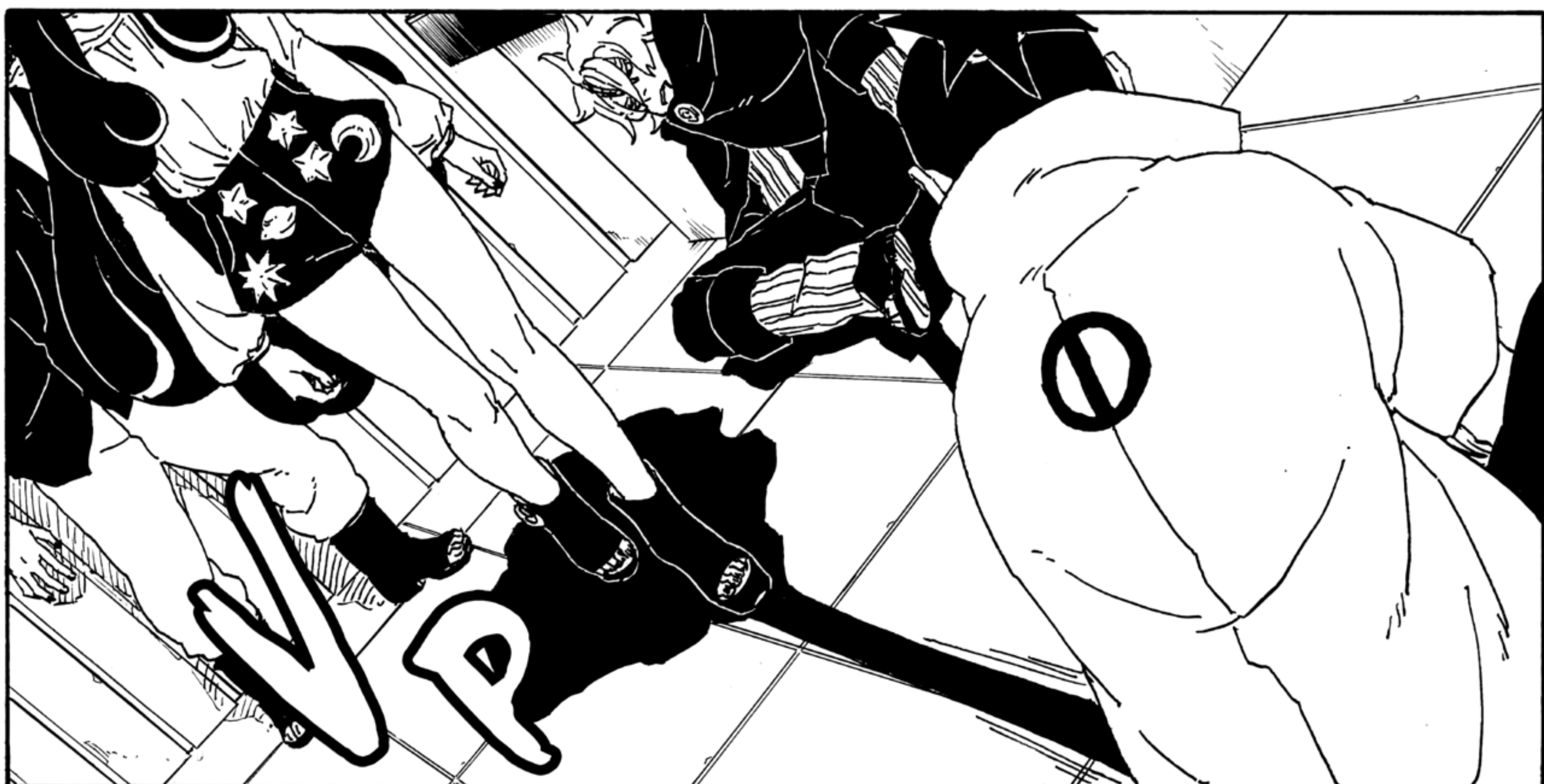
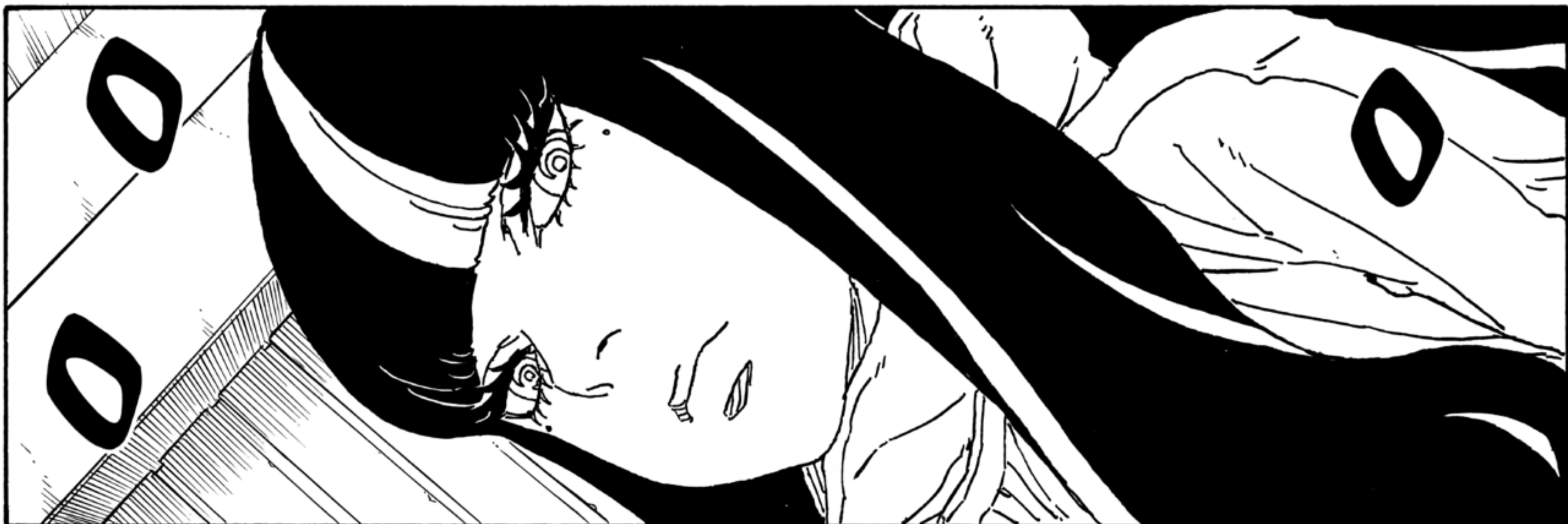


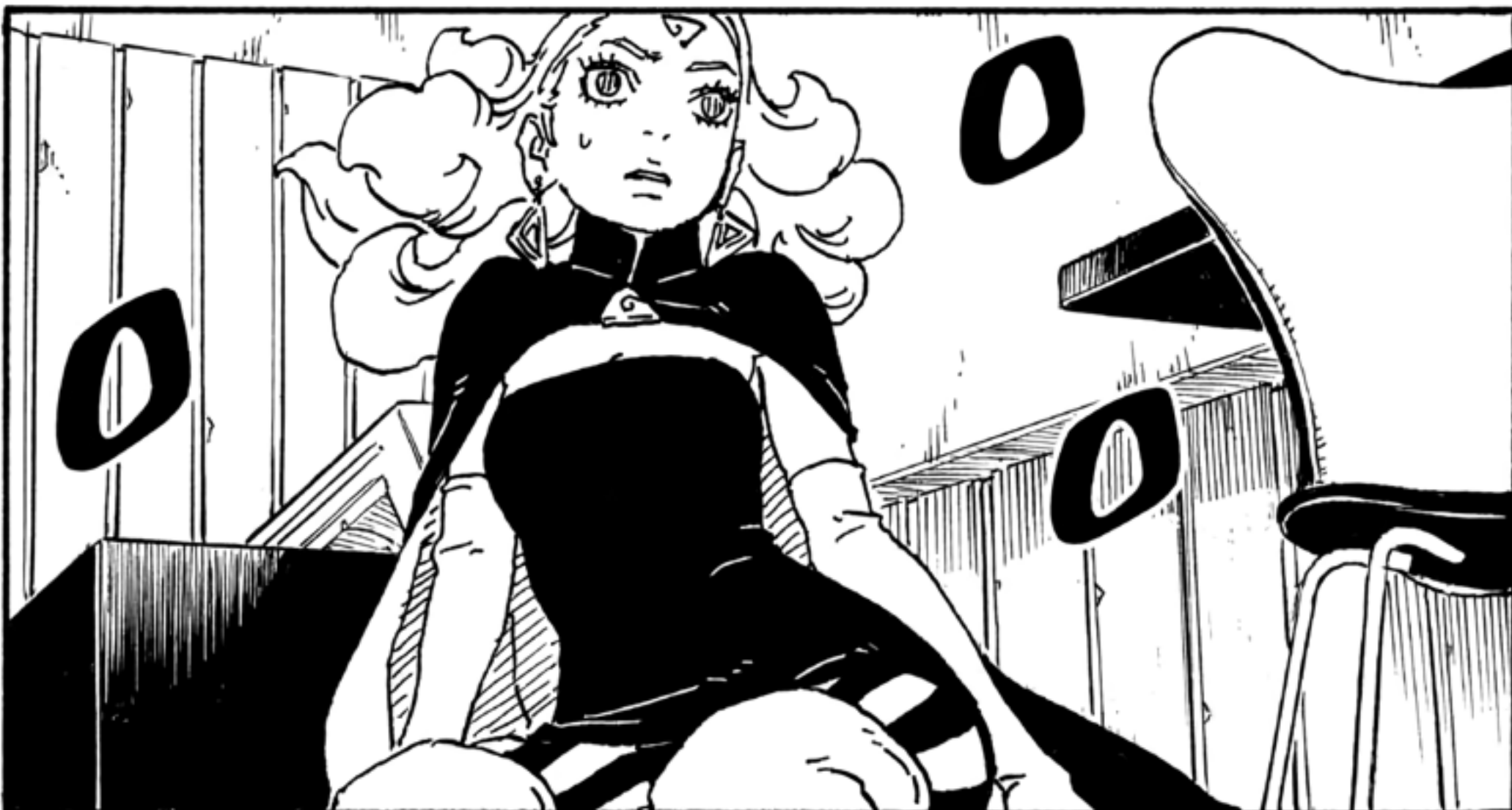
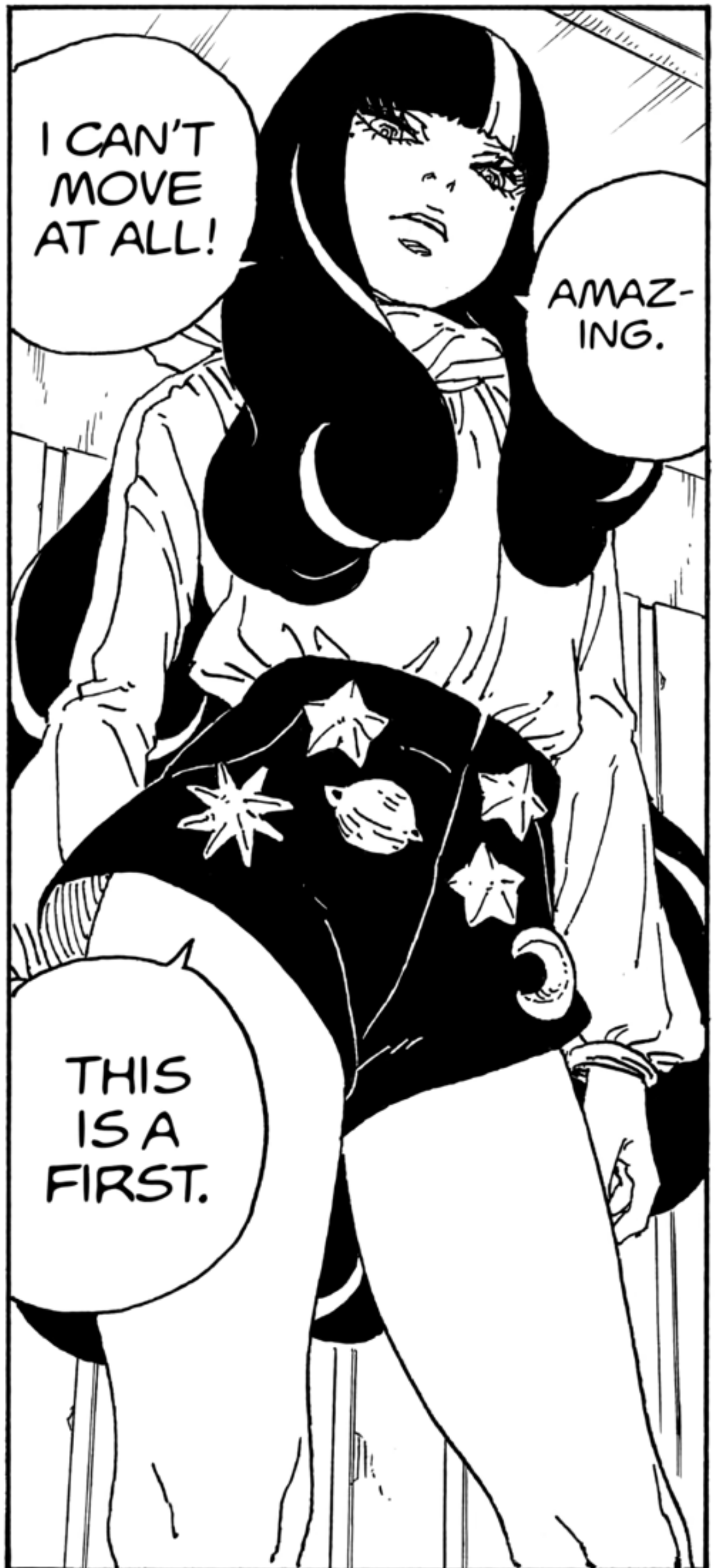
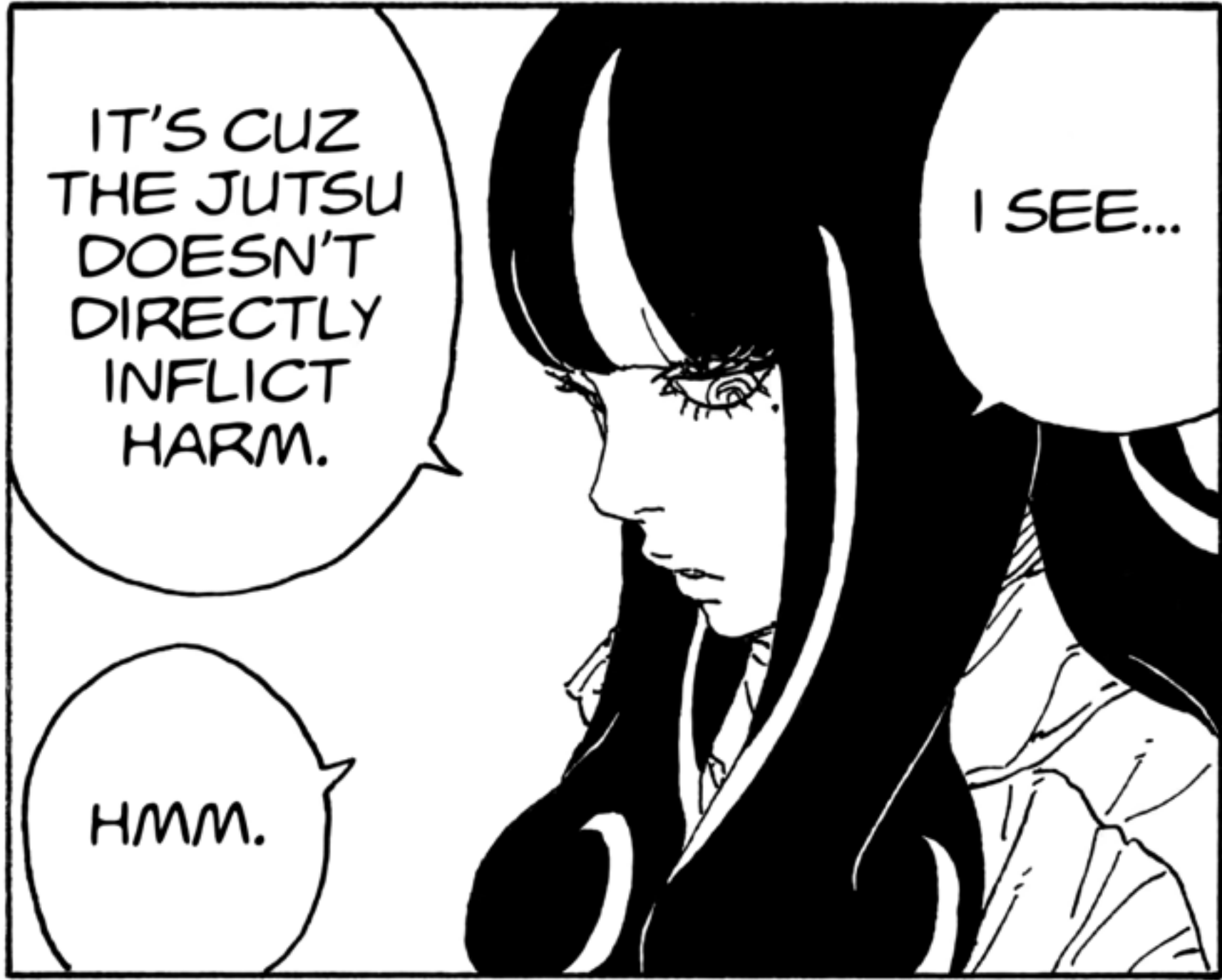


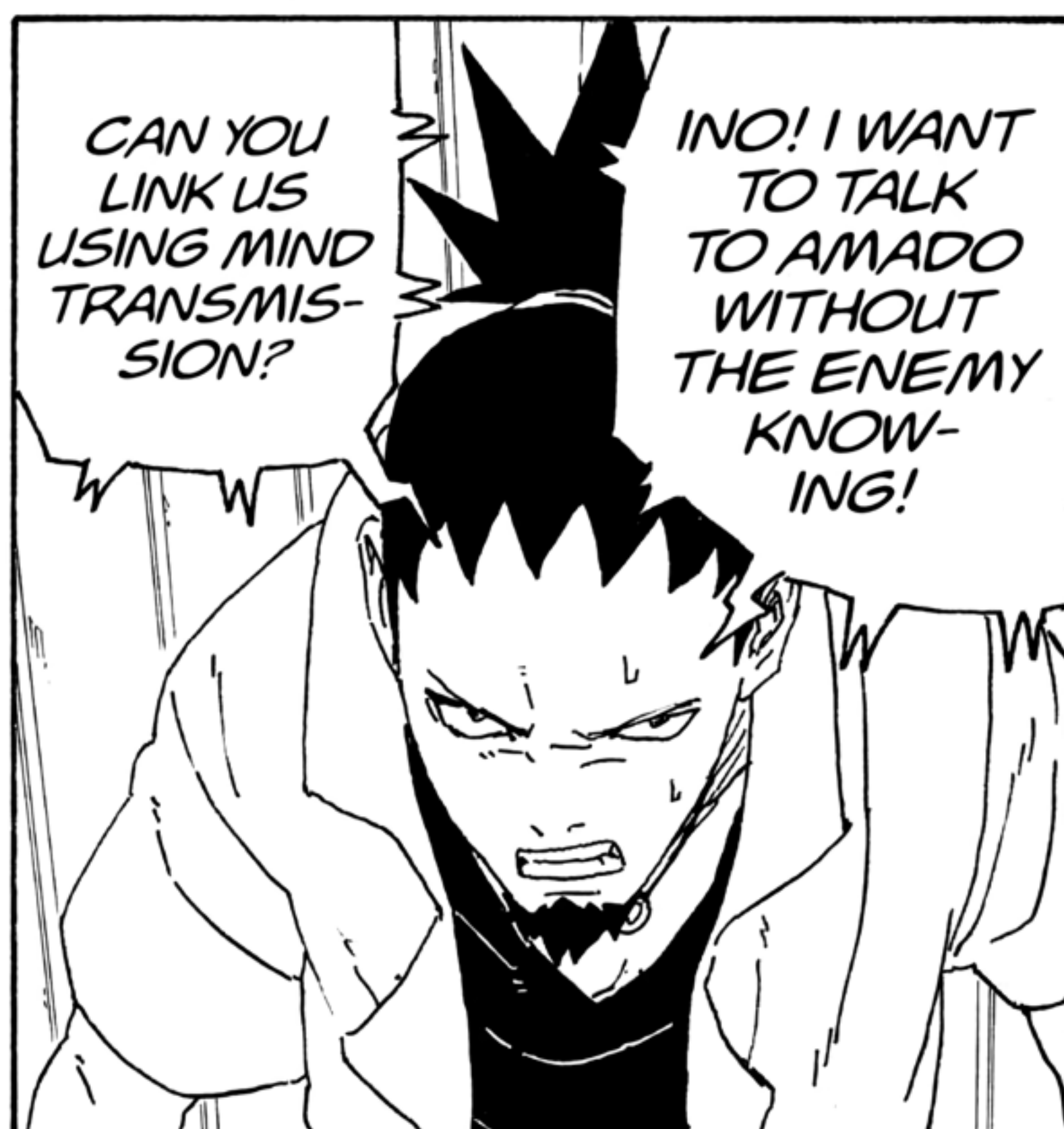












CAN YOU
LINK US
USING MIND
TRANSMIS-
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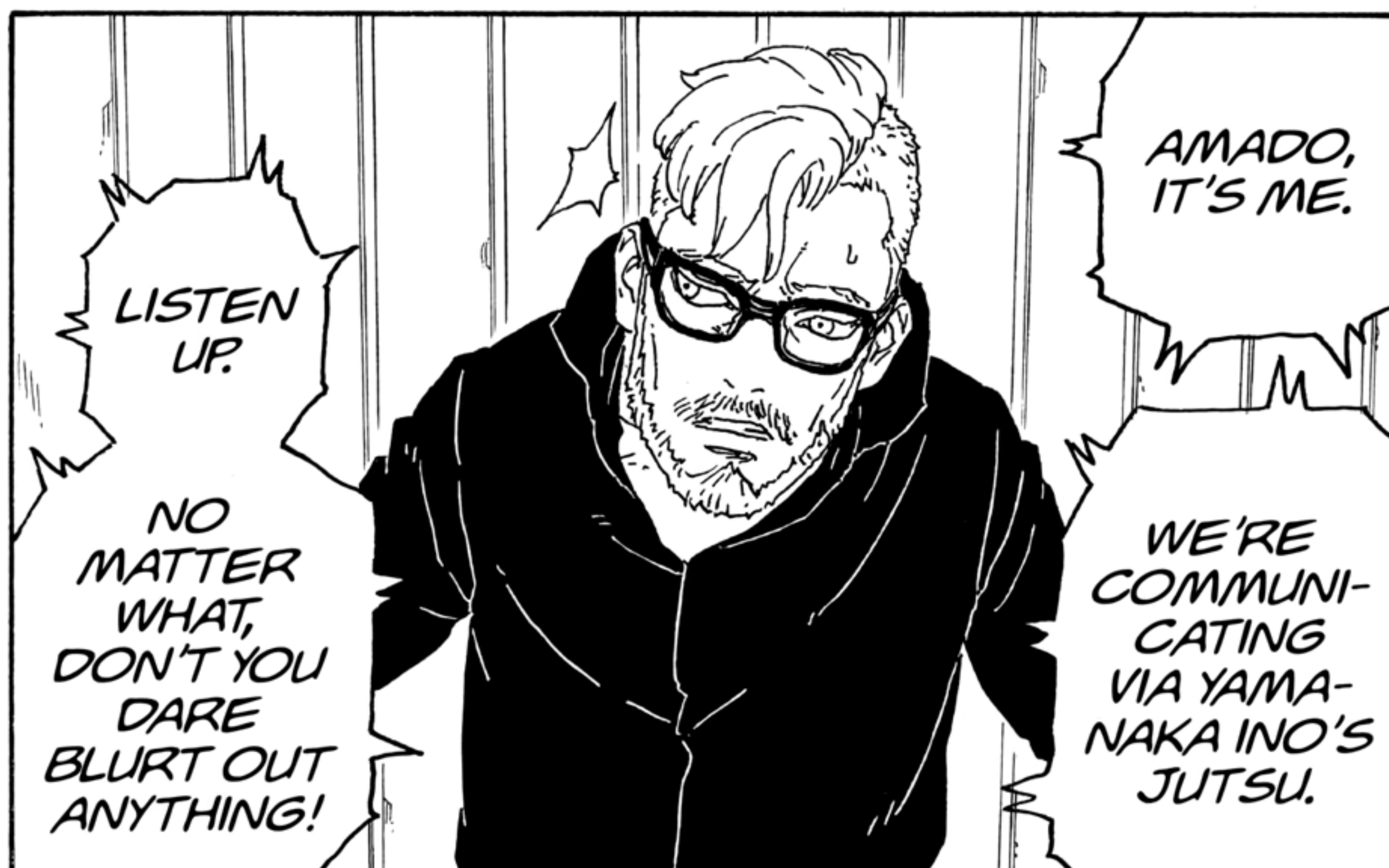
INO! I WANT
TO TALK
TO AMADO
WITHOUT
THE ENEMY
KNOW-
ING!



I'M ALMOST
POSITIVE...
THE THREE
OF US...

...HAVE
BEEN
ENSNARED
IN SOME
SORT OF
JUTSU!

DELTA
TOO...
SHE'S
SOMEHOW
LOST HER
FIGHTING
SPIRIT!

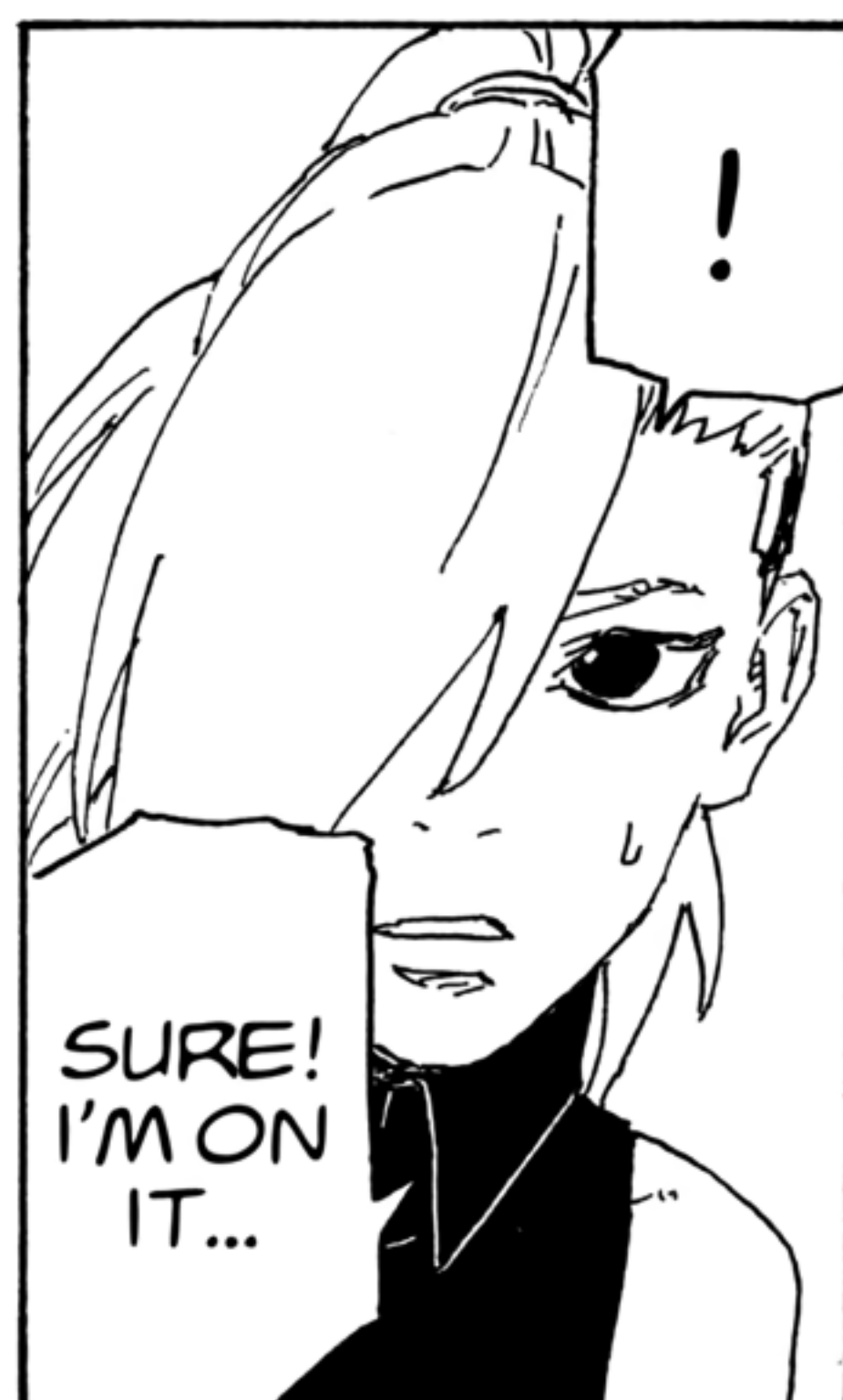


LISTEN
UP.

NO
MATTER
WHAT,
DON'T YOU
DARE
BLURT OUT
ANYTHING!

AMADO,
IT'S ME.

WE'RE
COMMUNI-
CATING
VIA YAMA-
NAKA INO'S
JUTSU.



SURE!
I'M ON
IT...



FIRST OFF,
WHO AND
WHAT IS
SHE?!

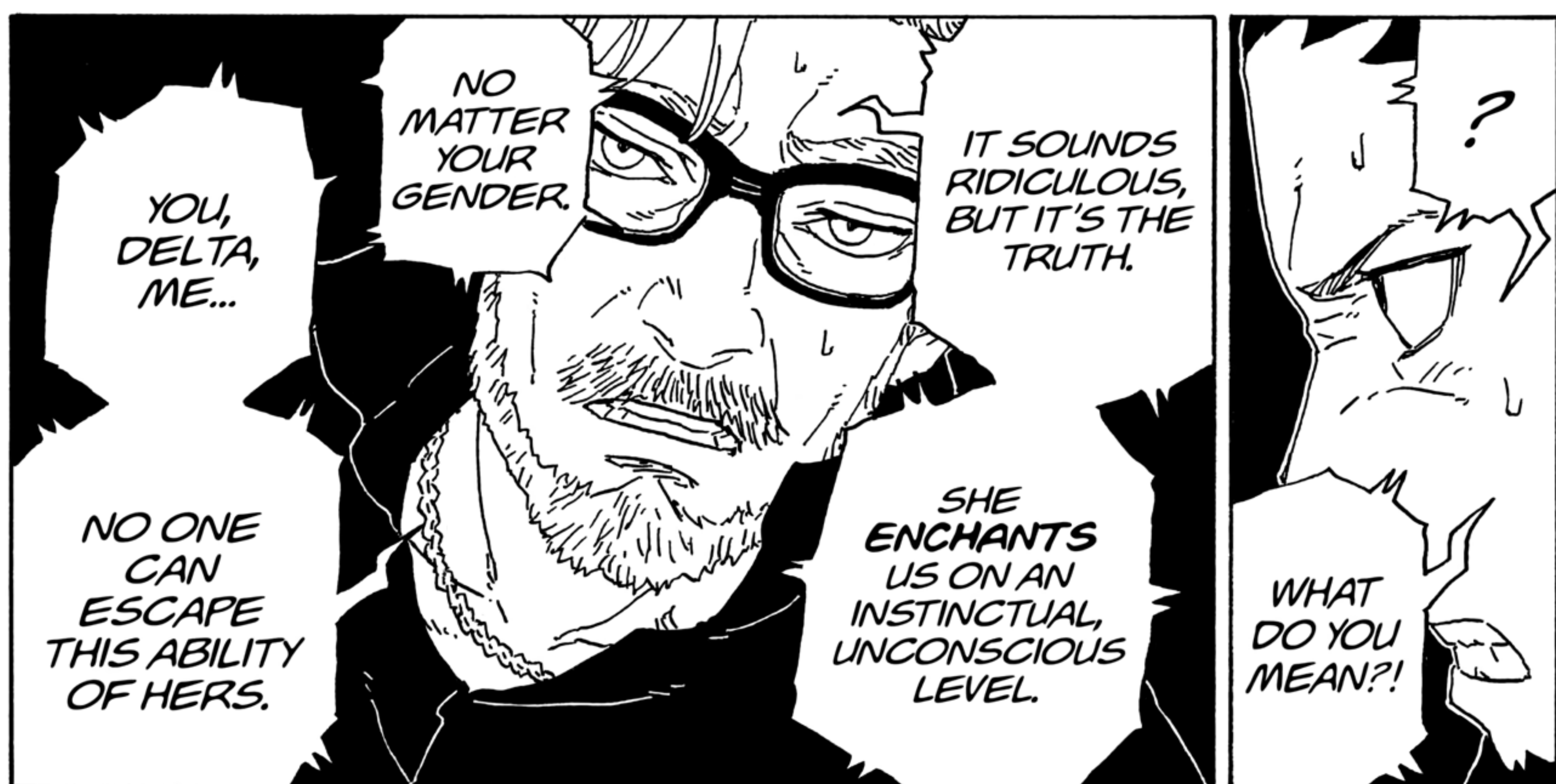
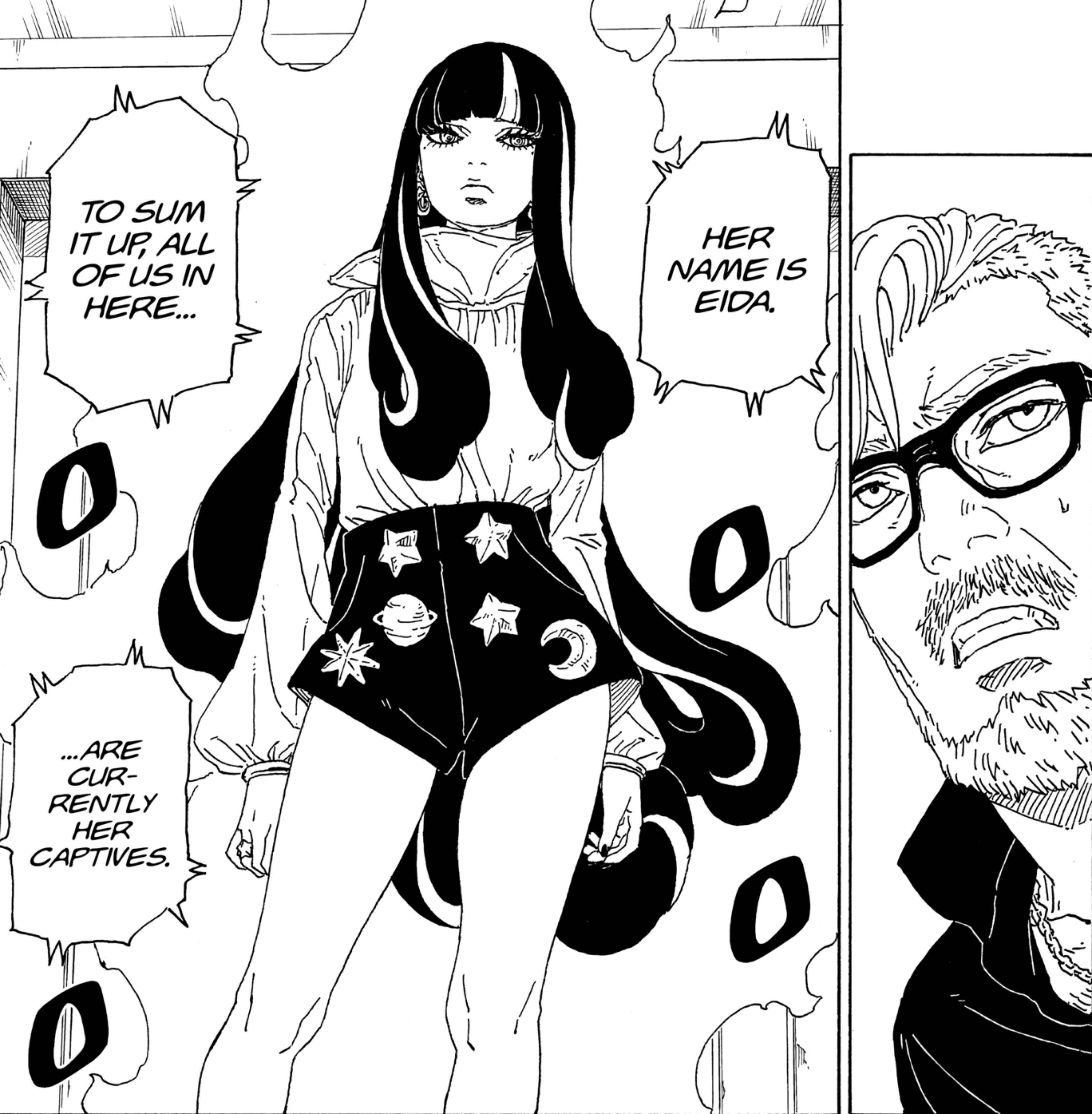
WHAT
KIND OF
ATTACK
WERE WE
STRUCK
WITH?

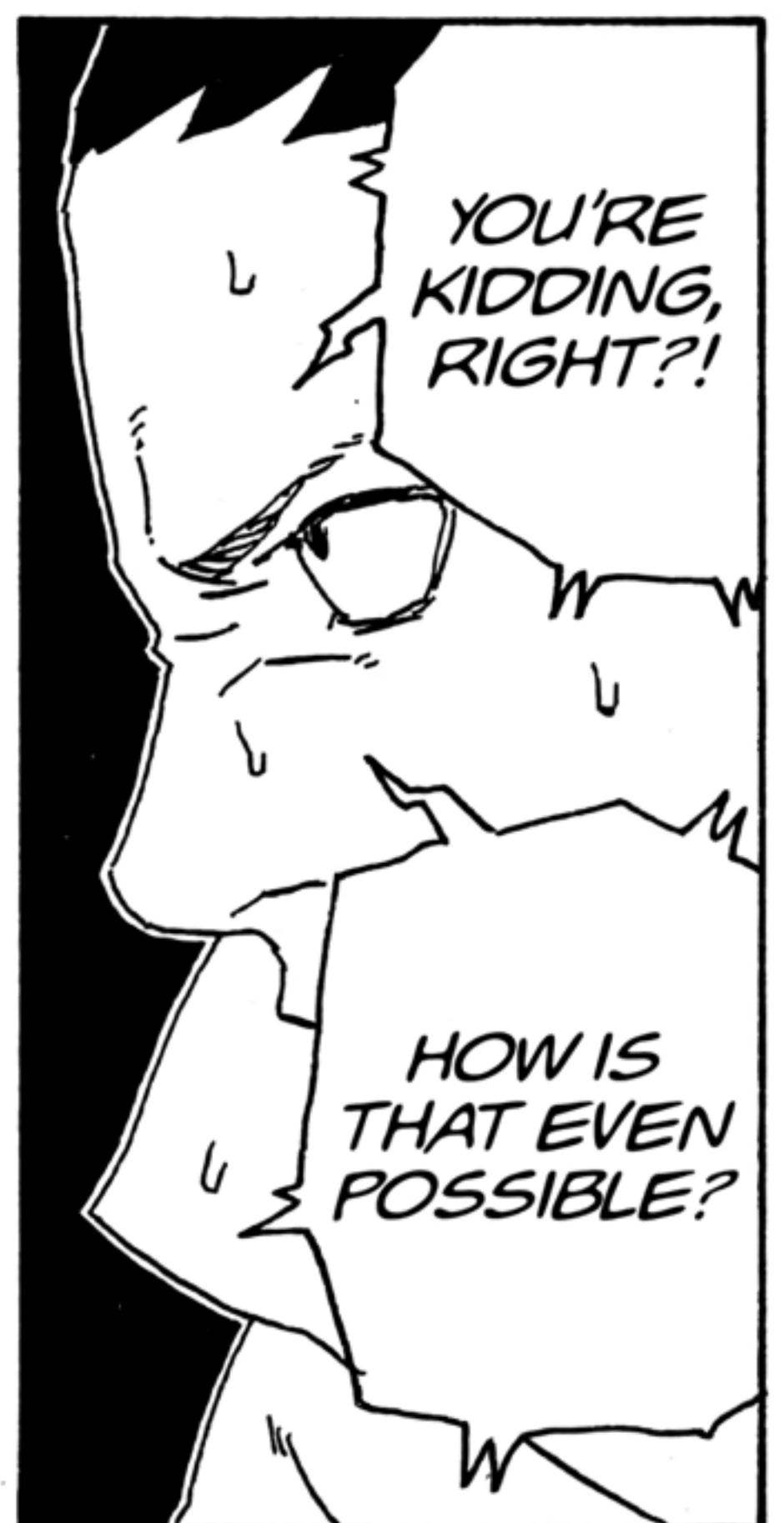
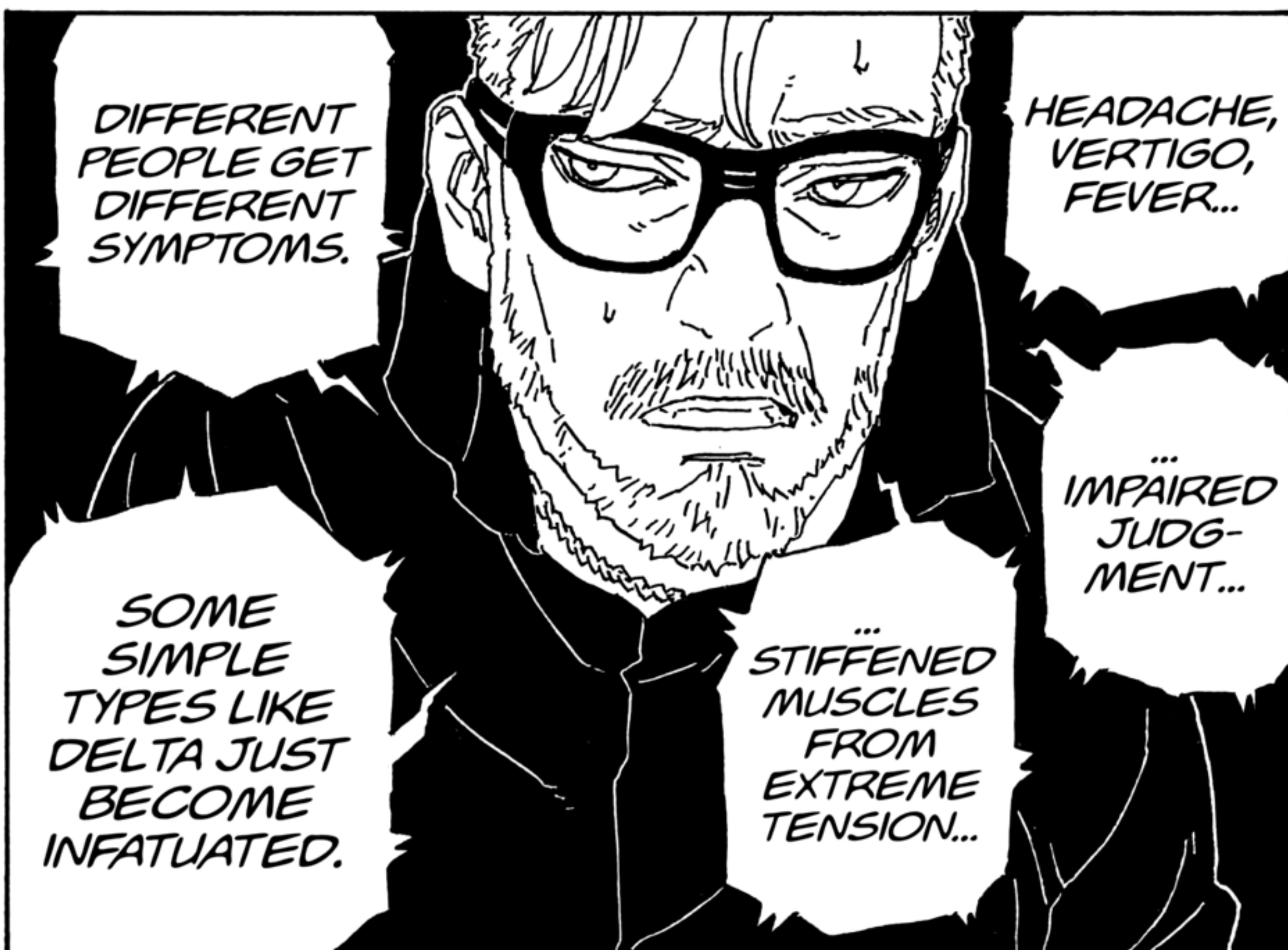
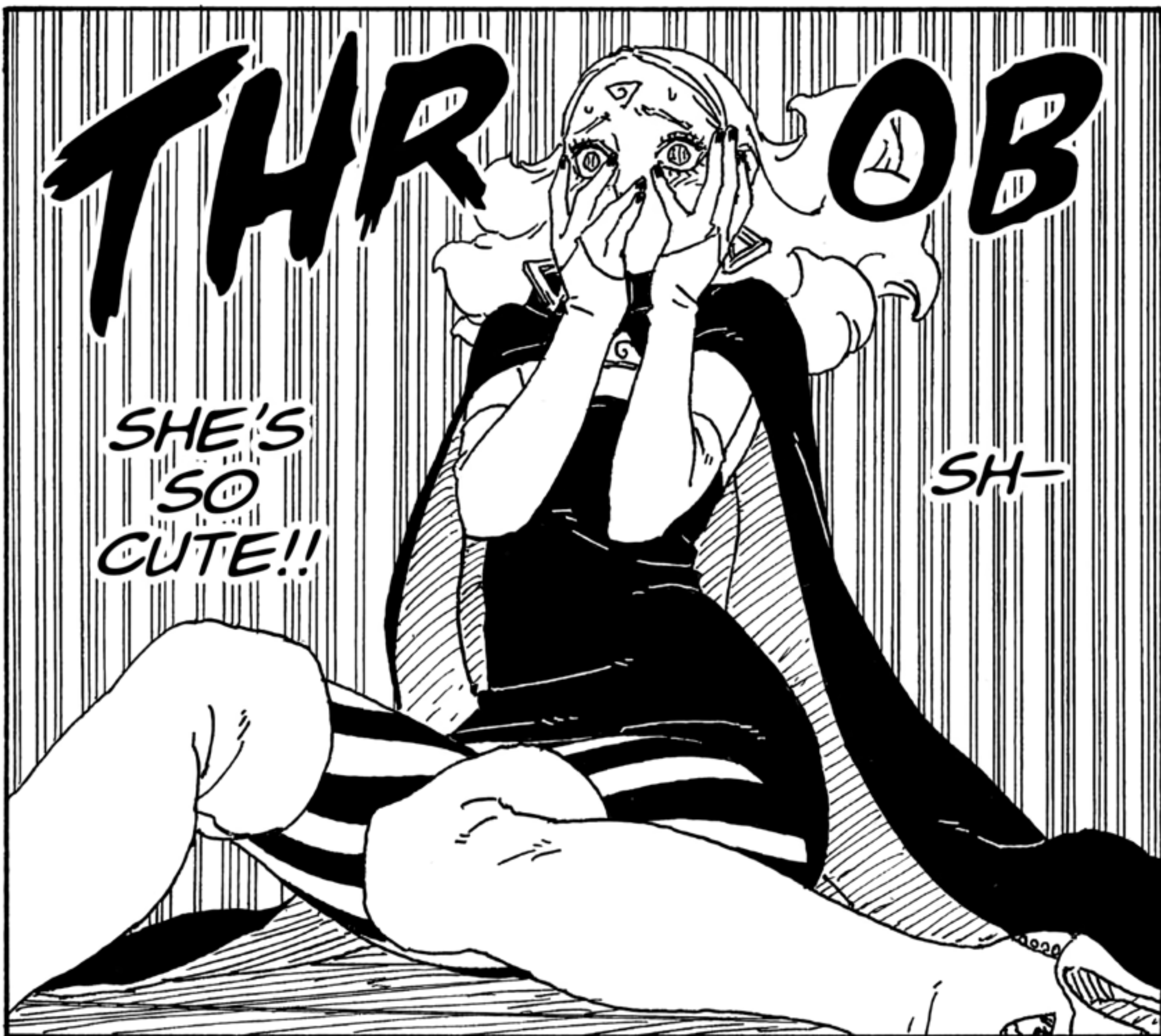
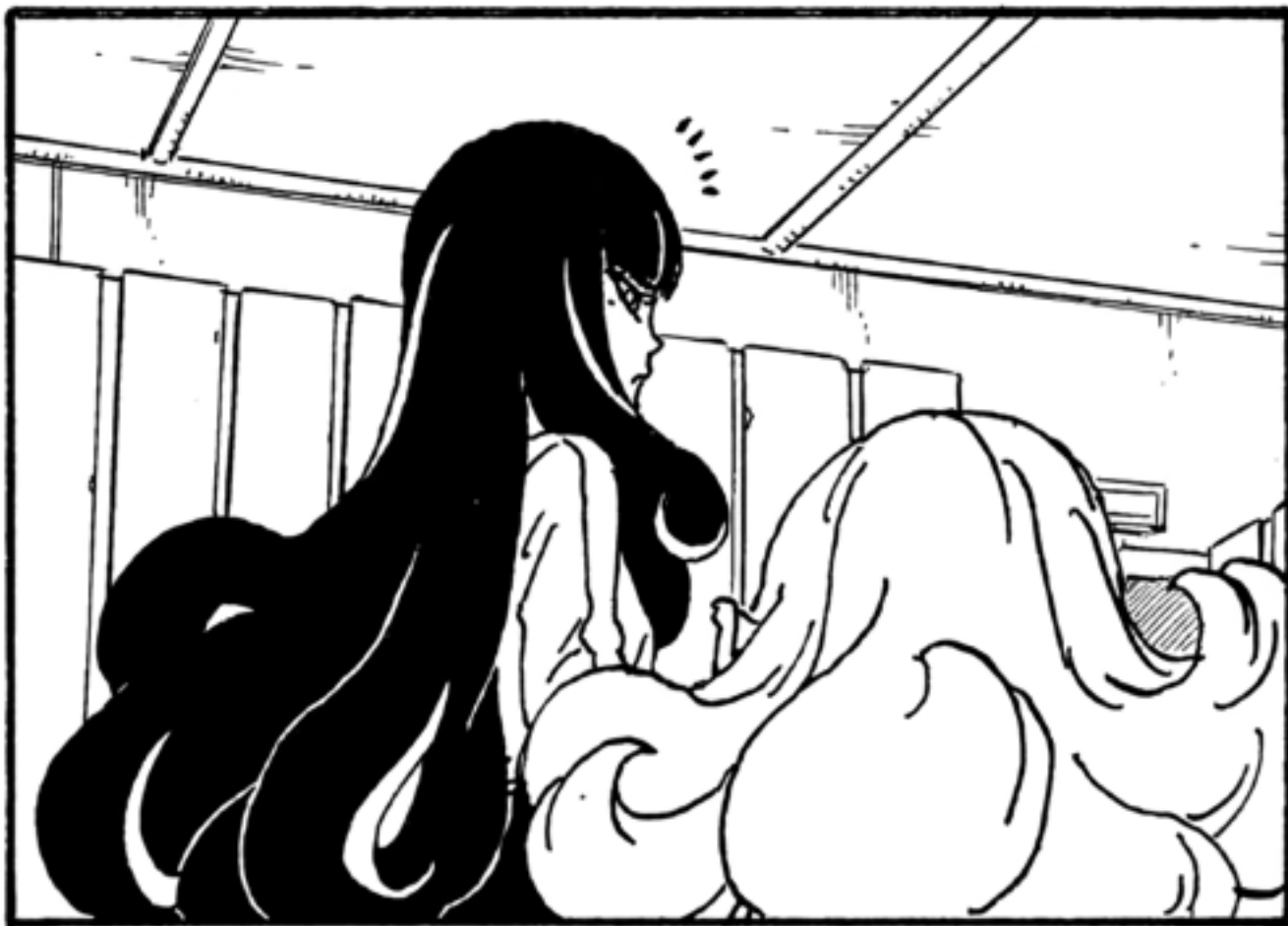
AND TELL
ME HOW TO
COUNTER
IT!!

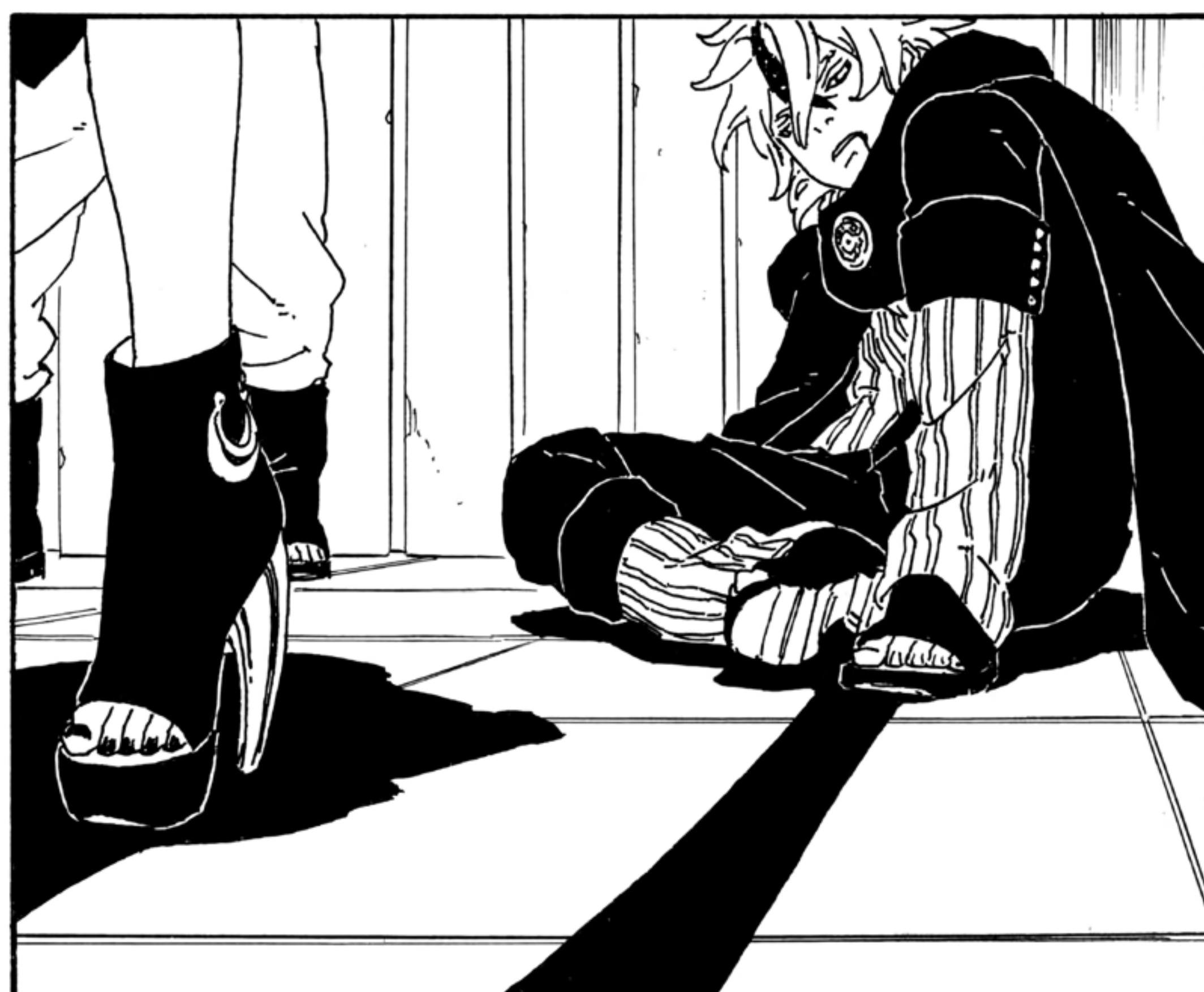


GOOD.
YOU'RE
DOING
GREAT!

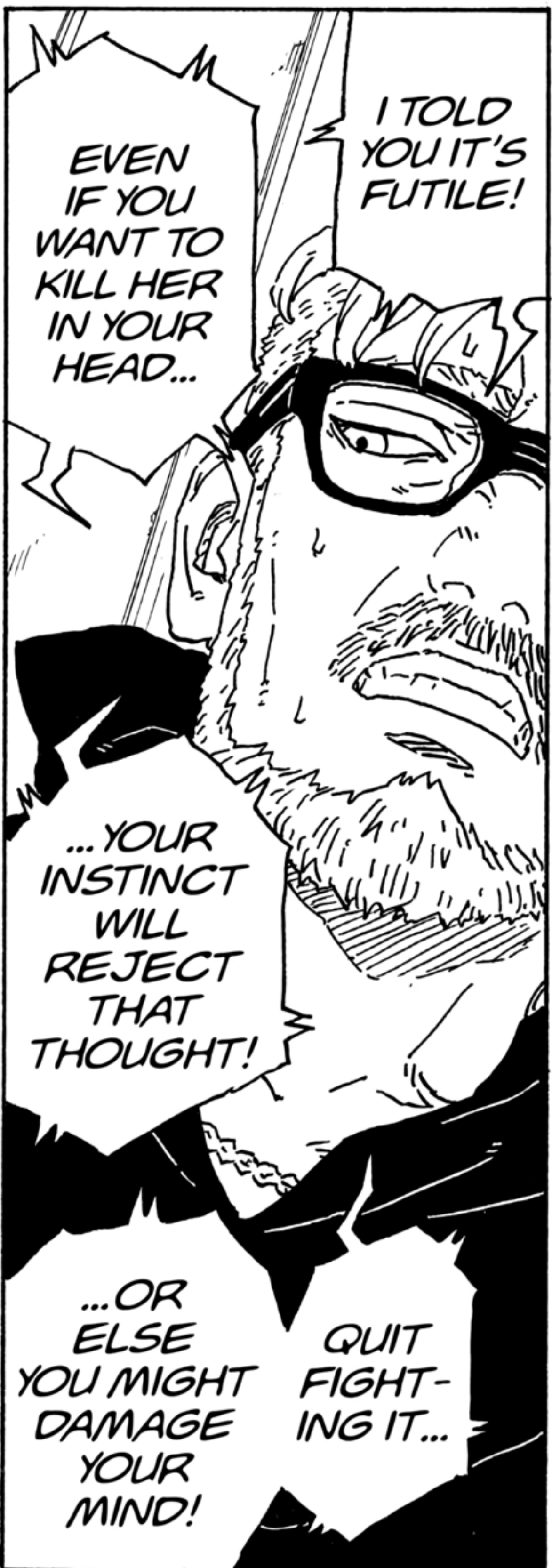
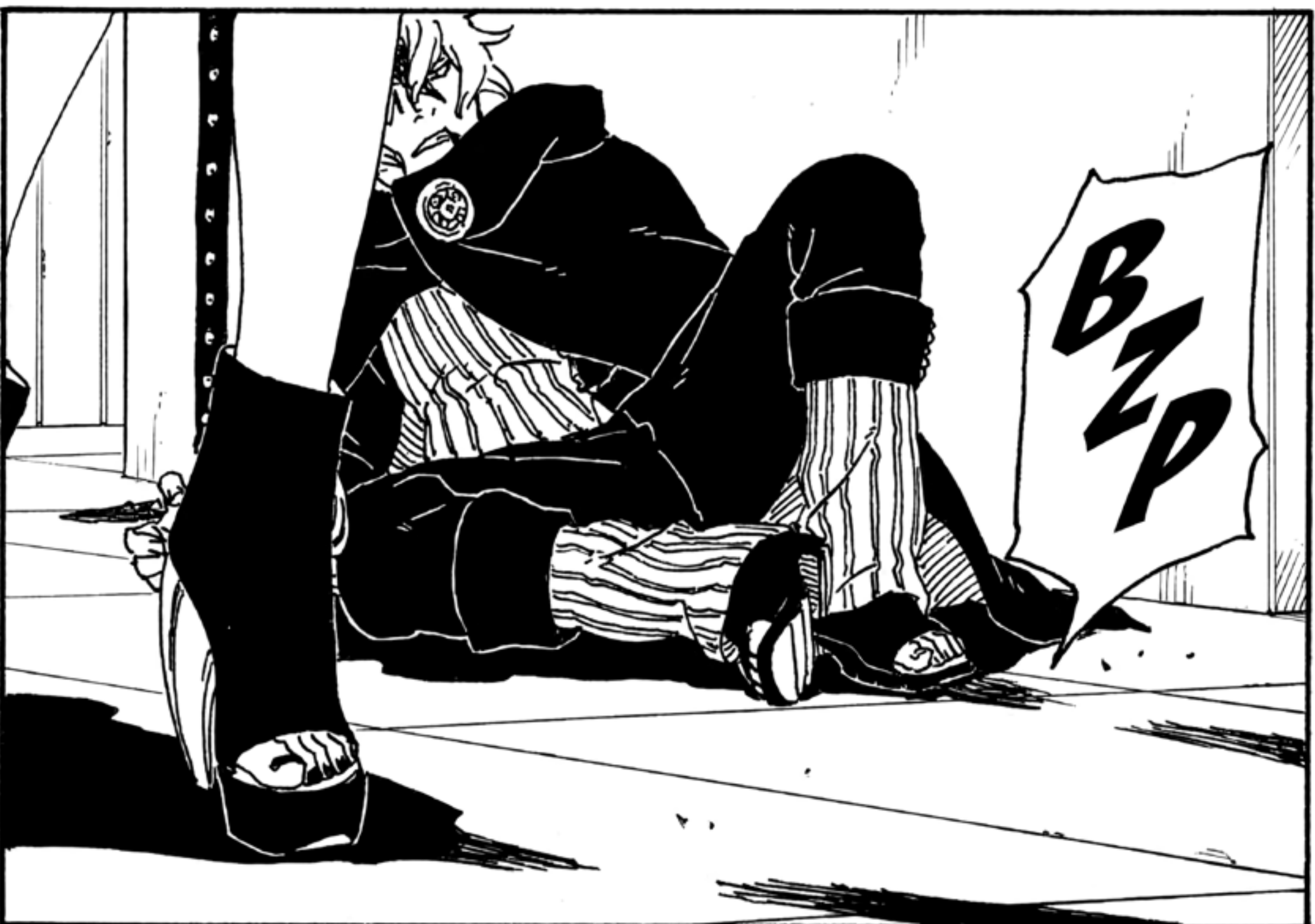
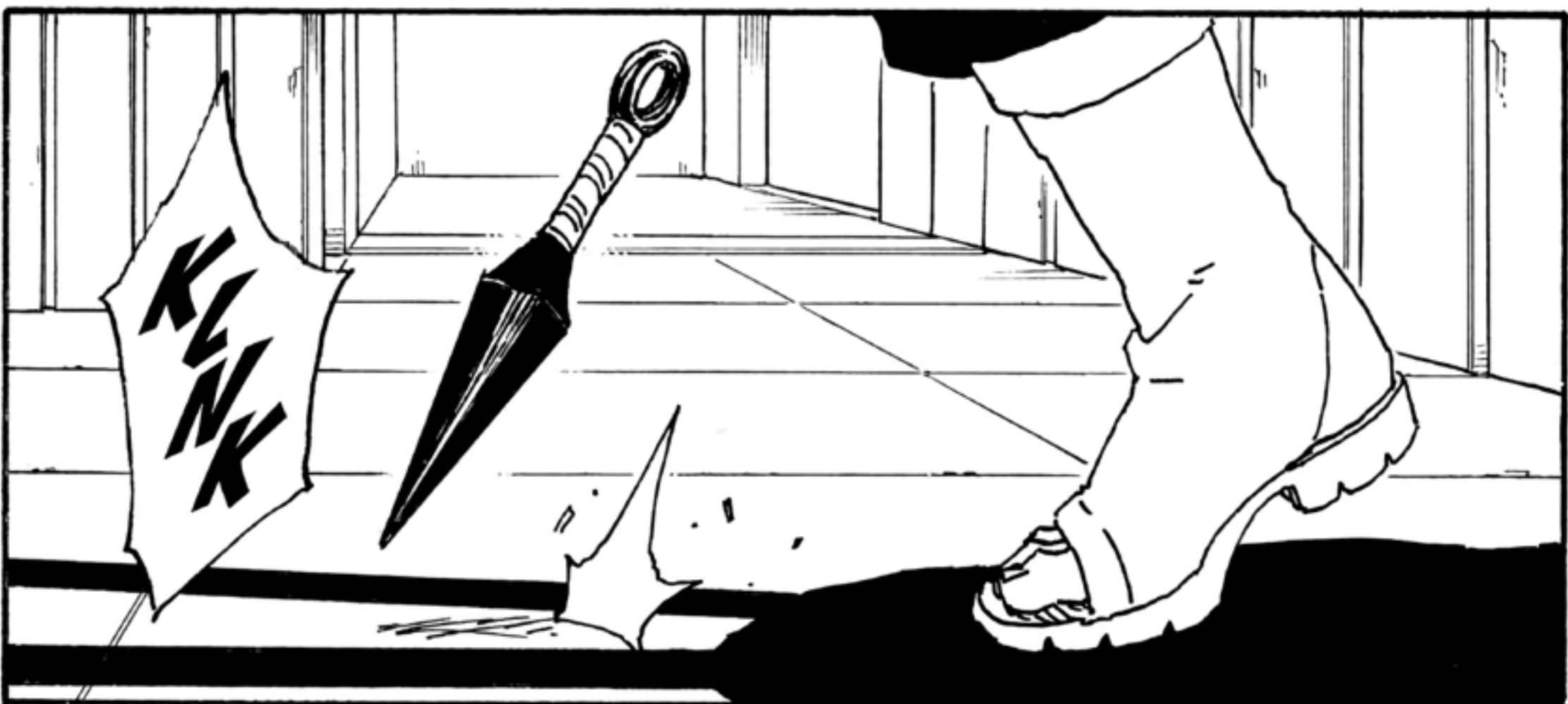
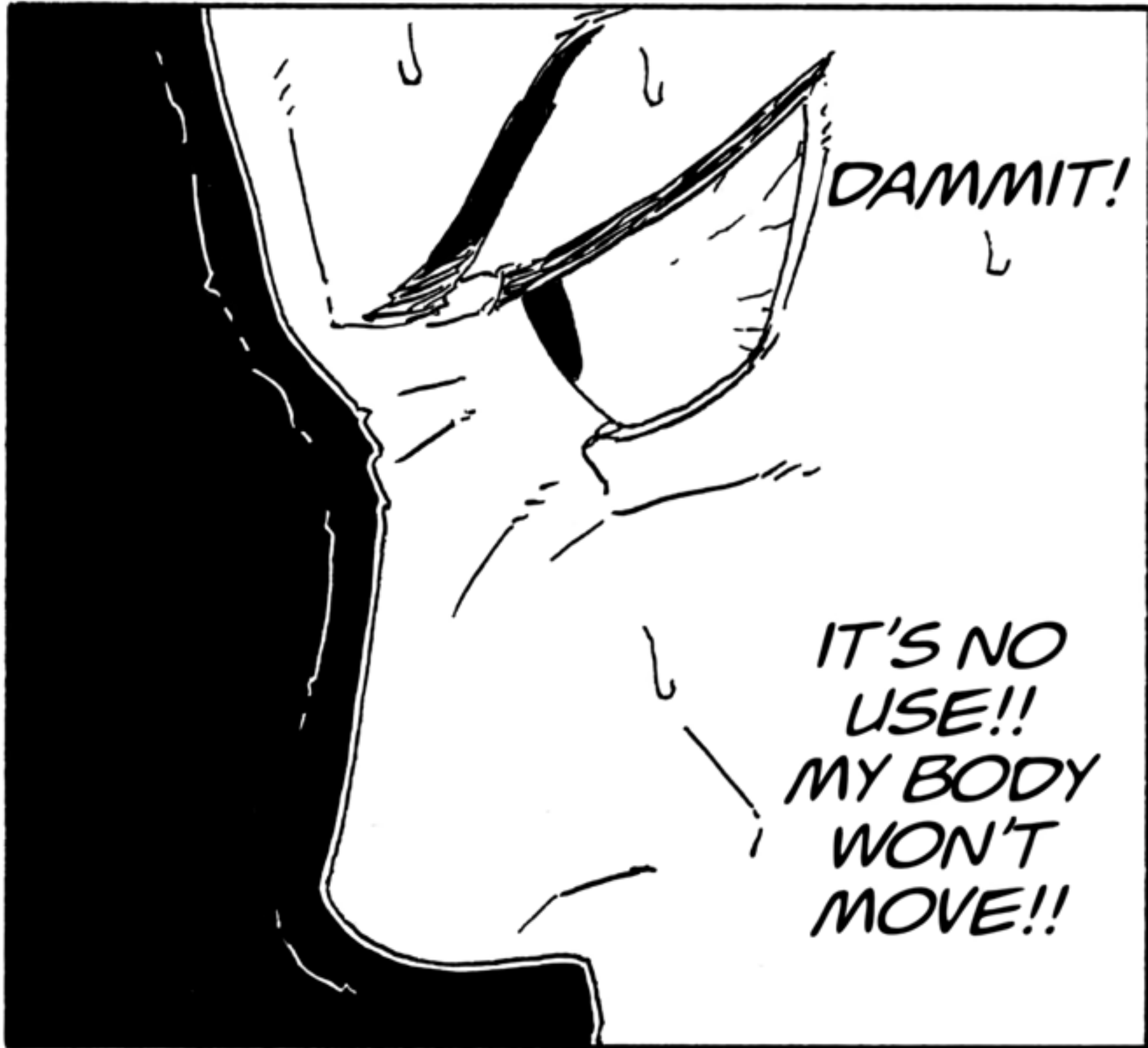
SHIKA-
MARU
?!

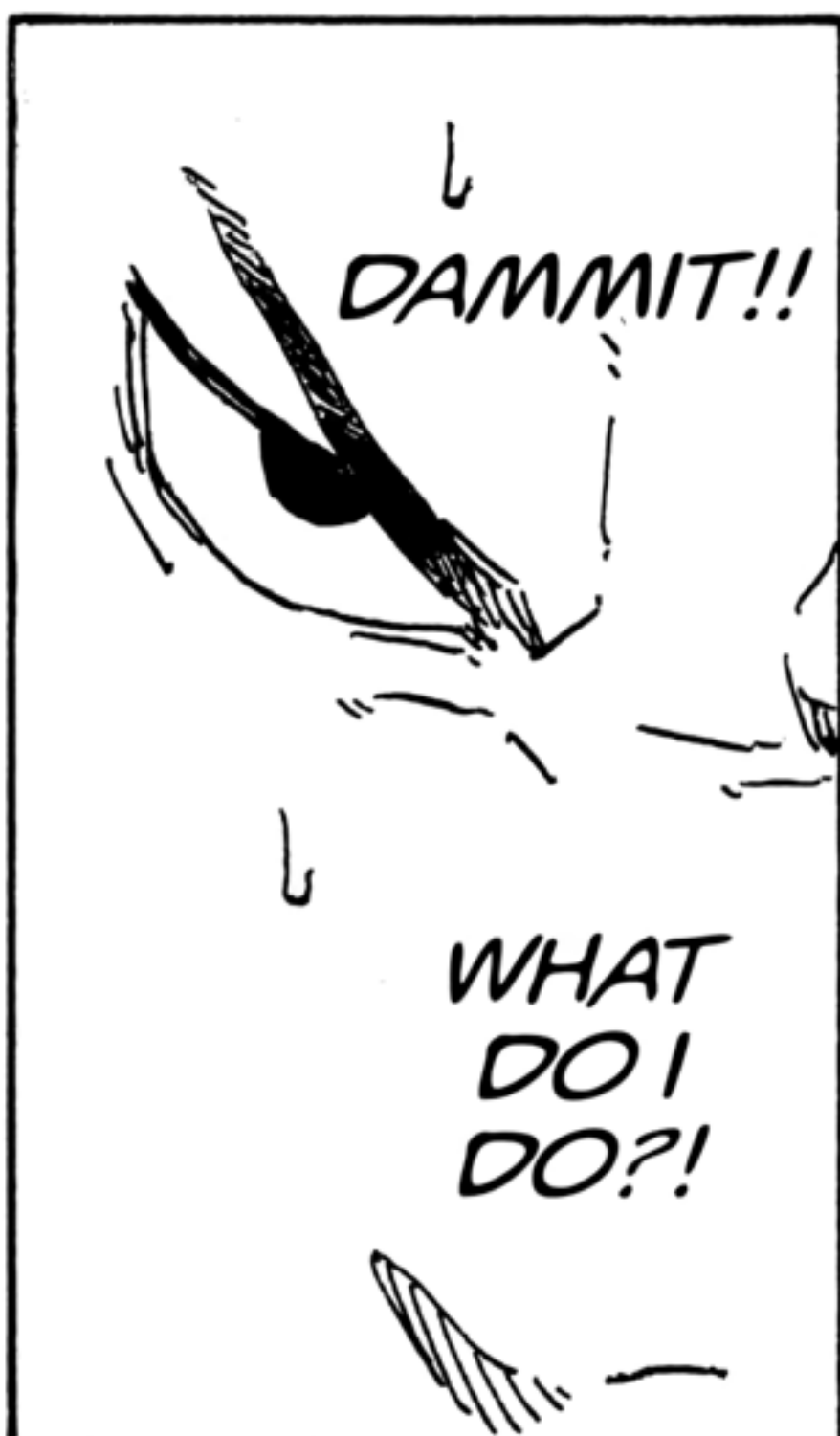


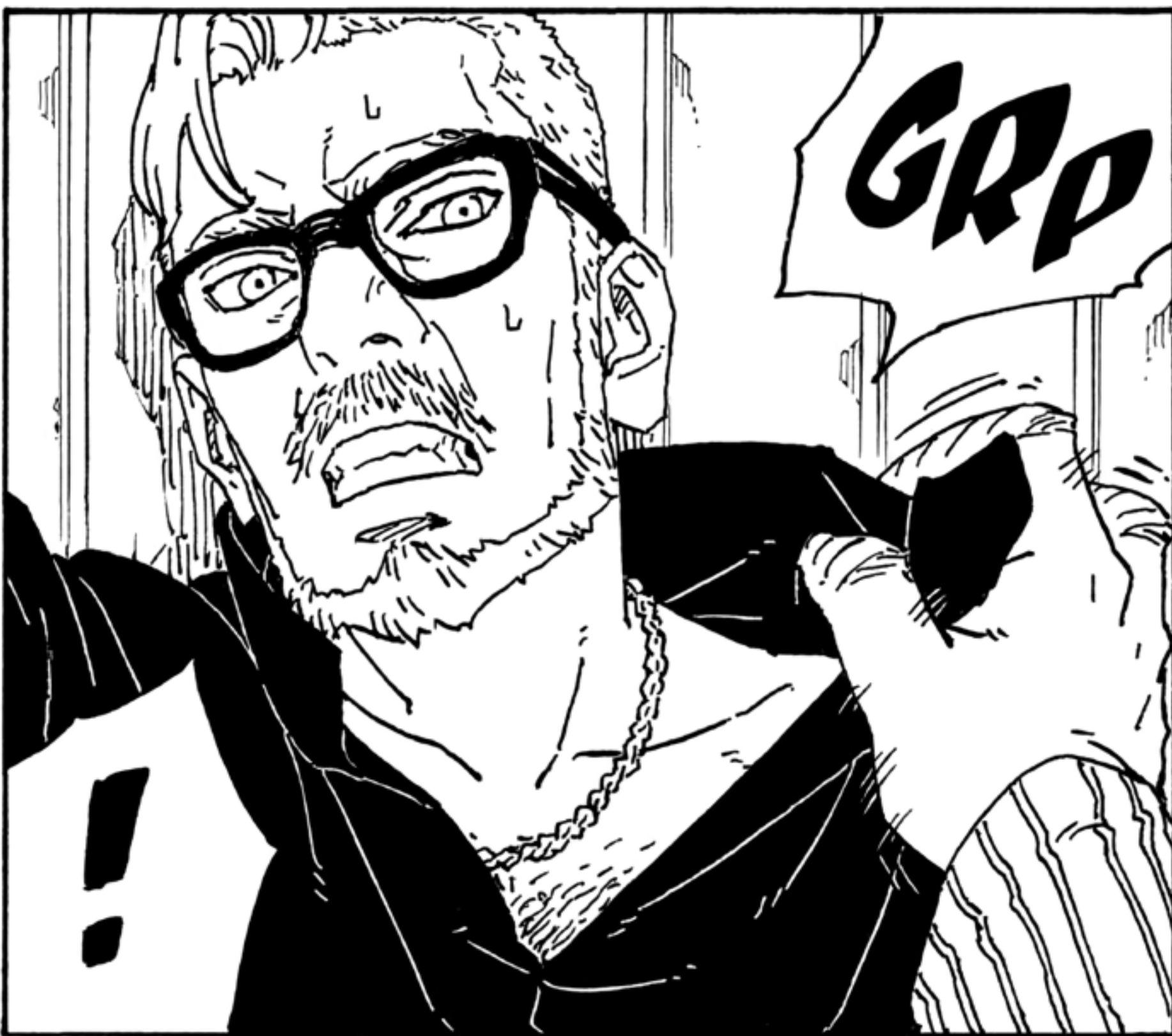
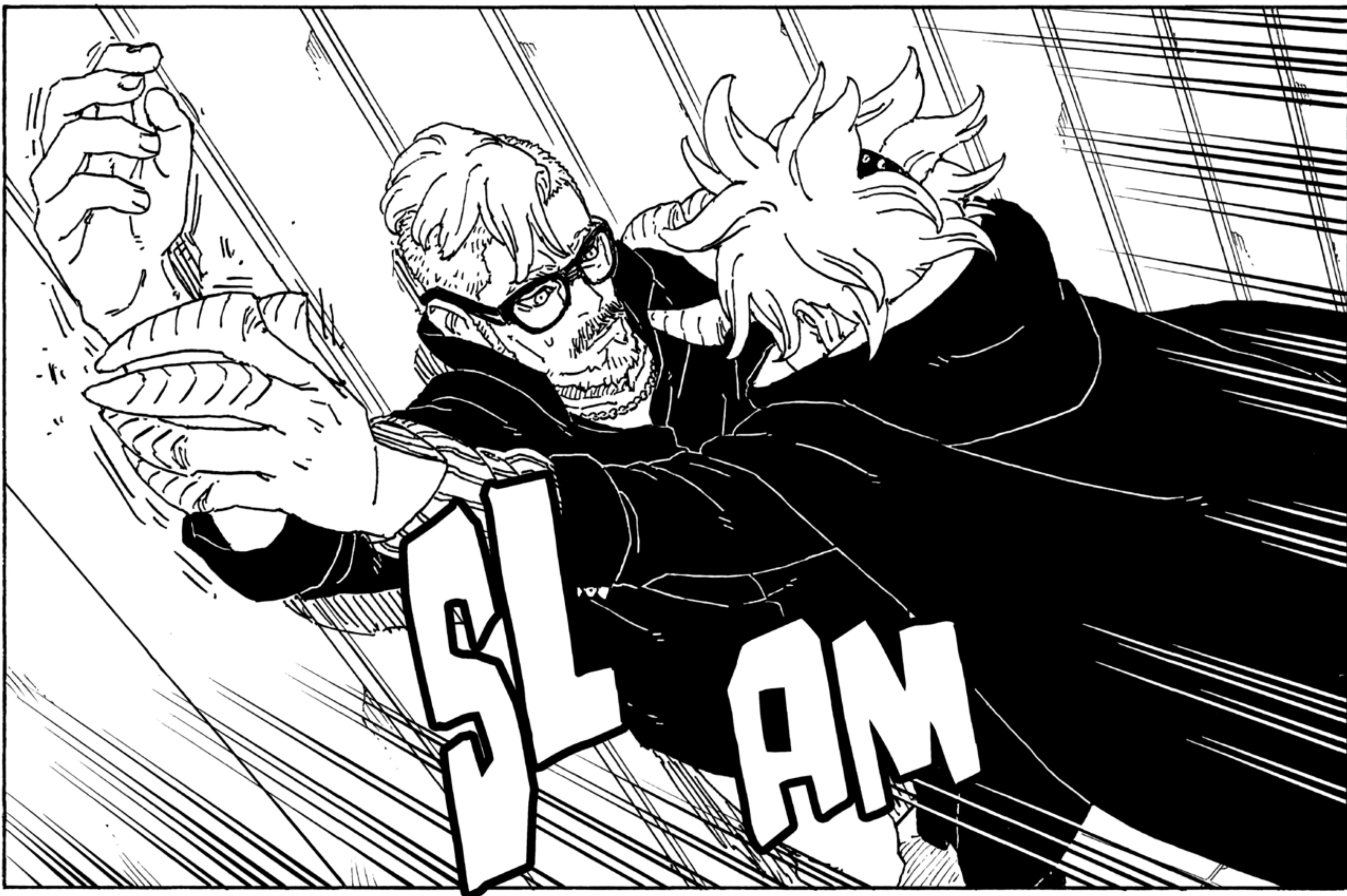
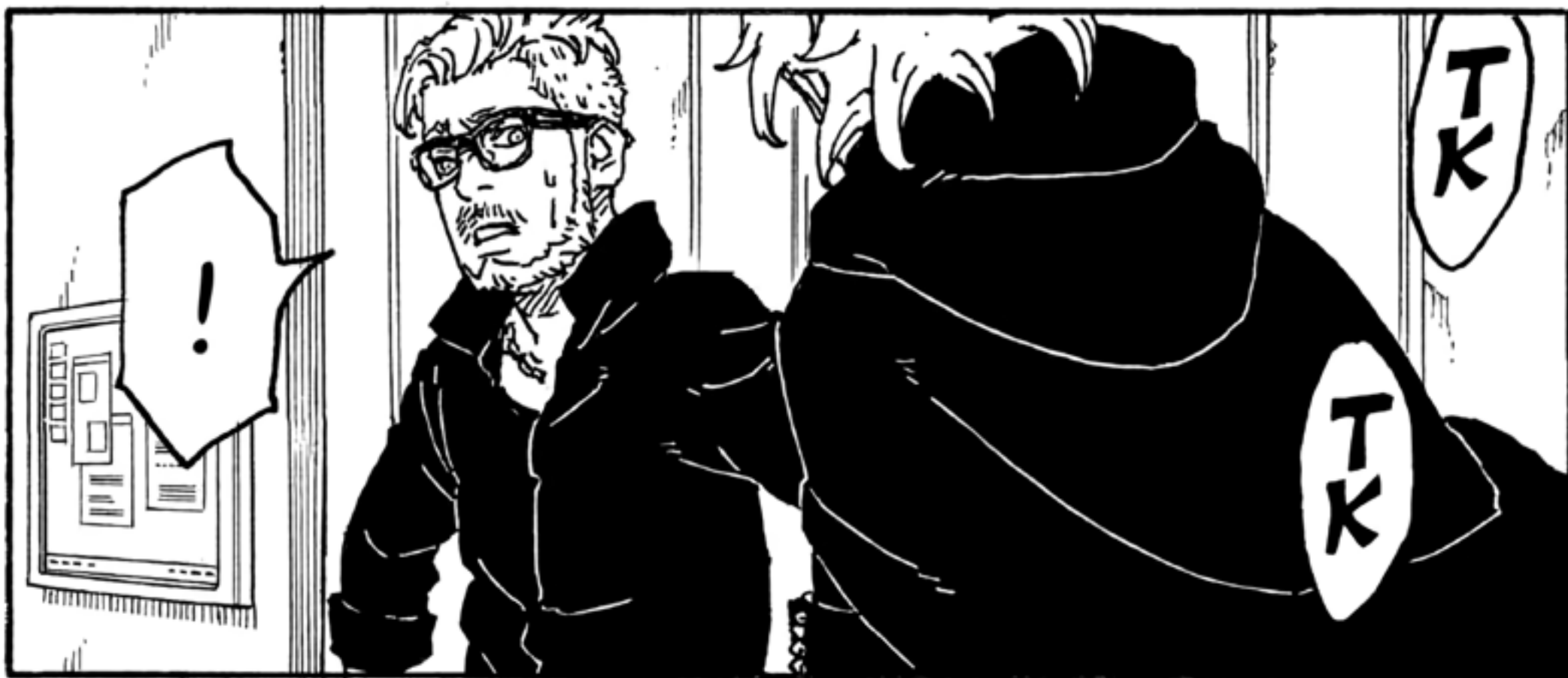


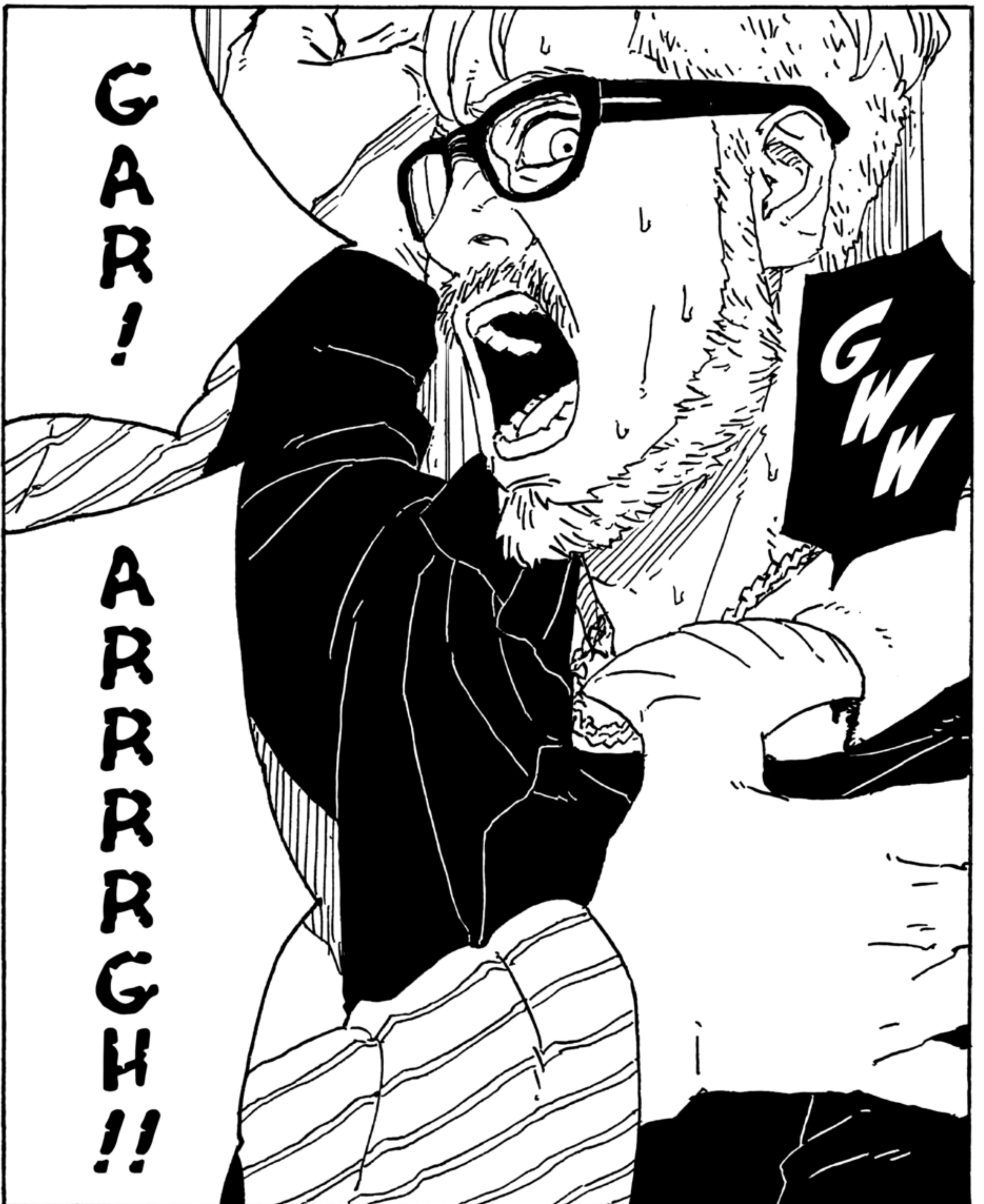
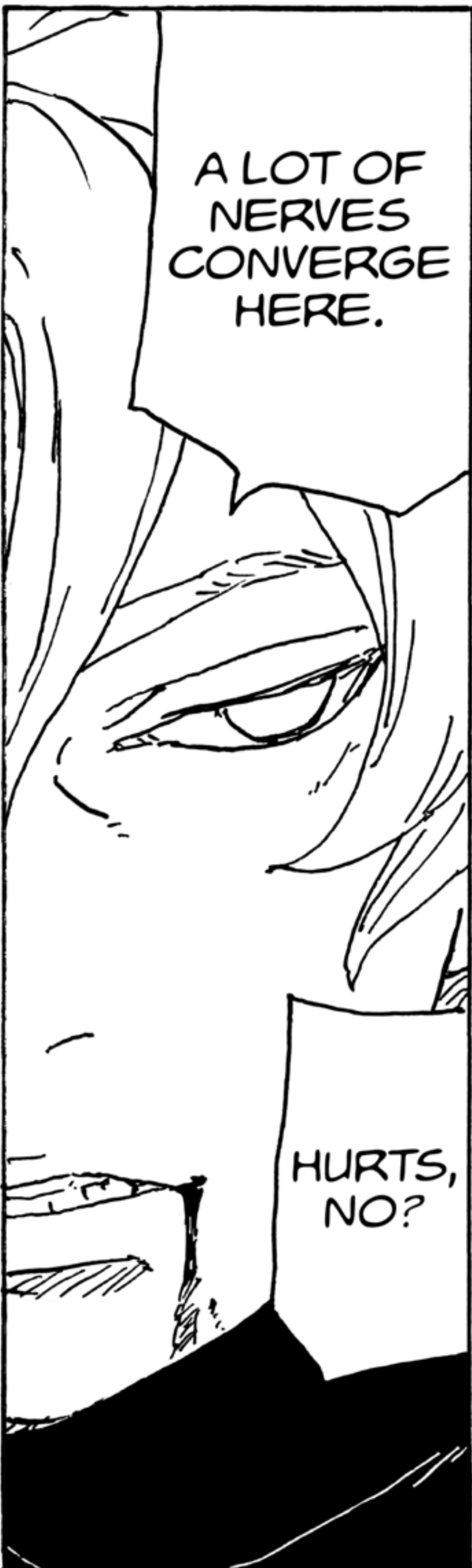
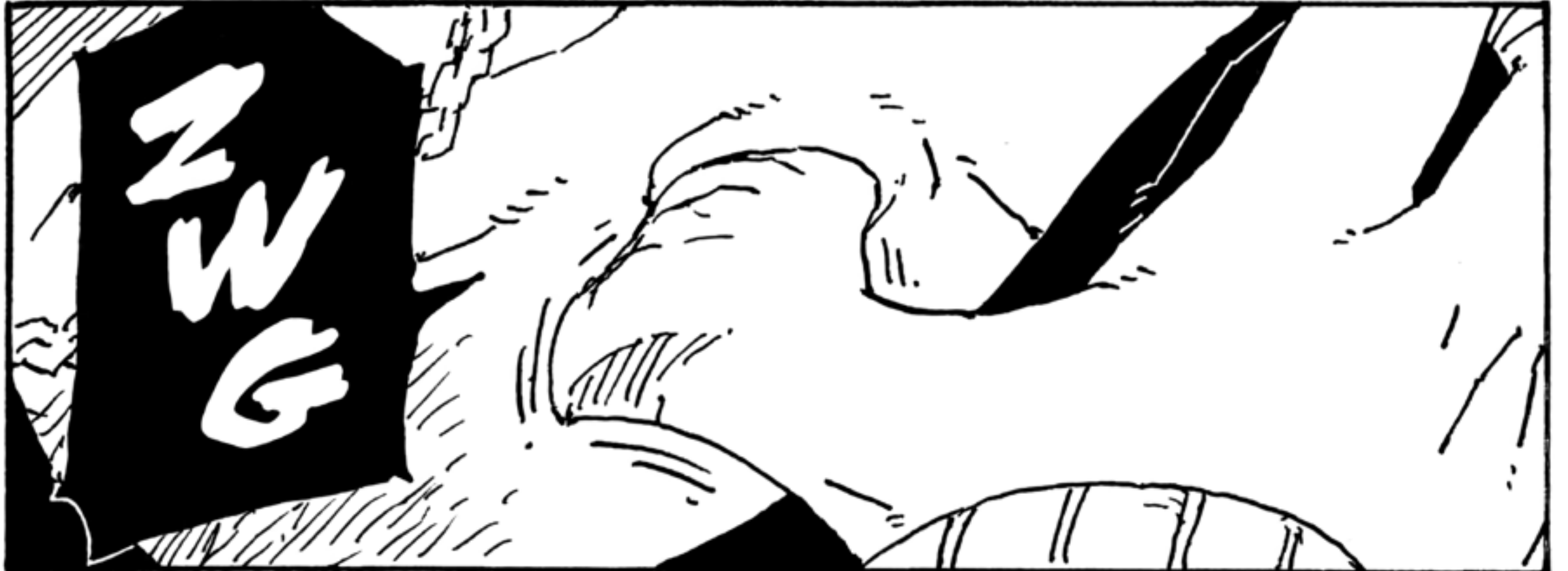
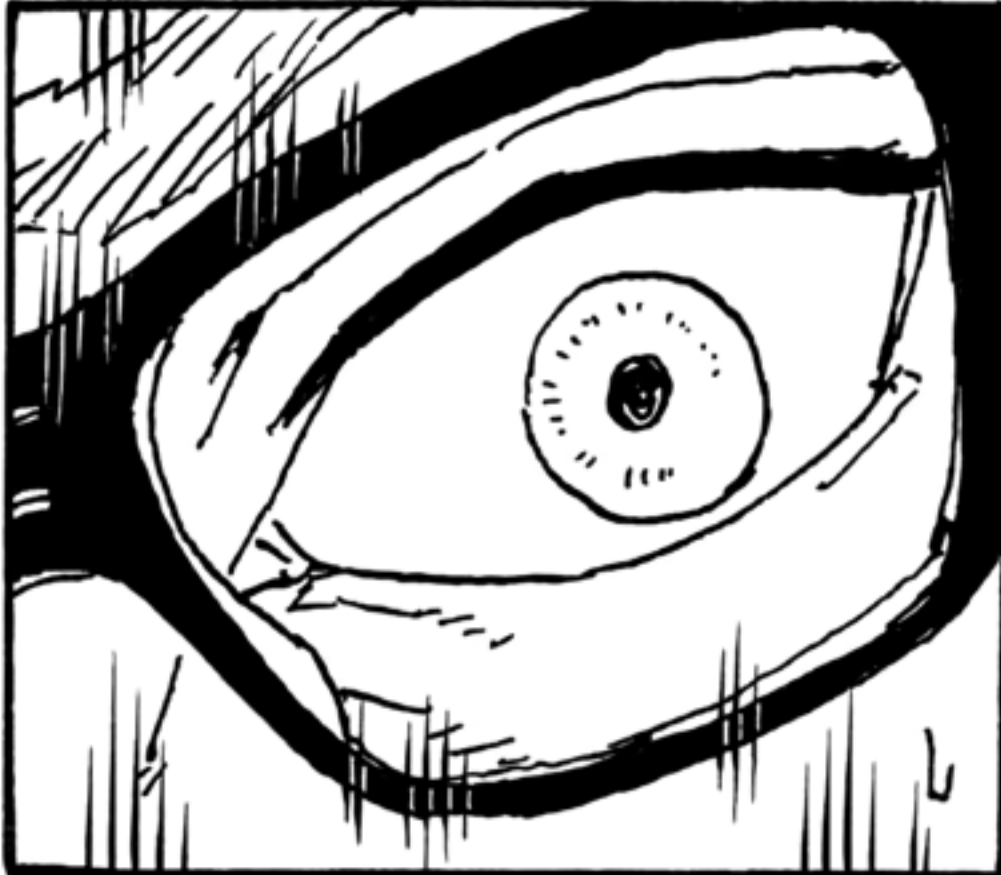
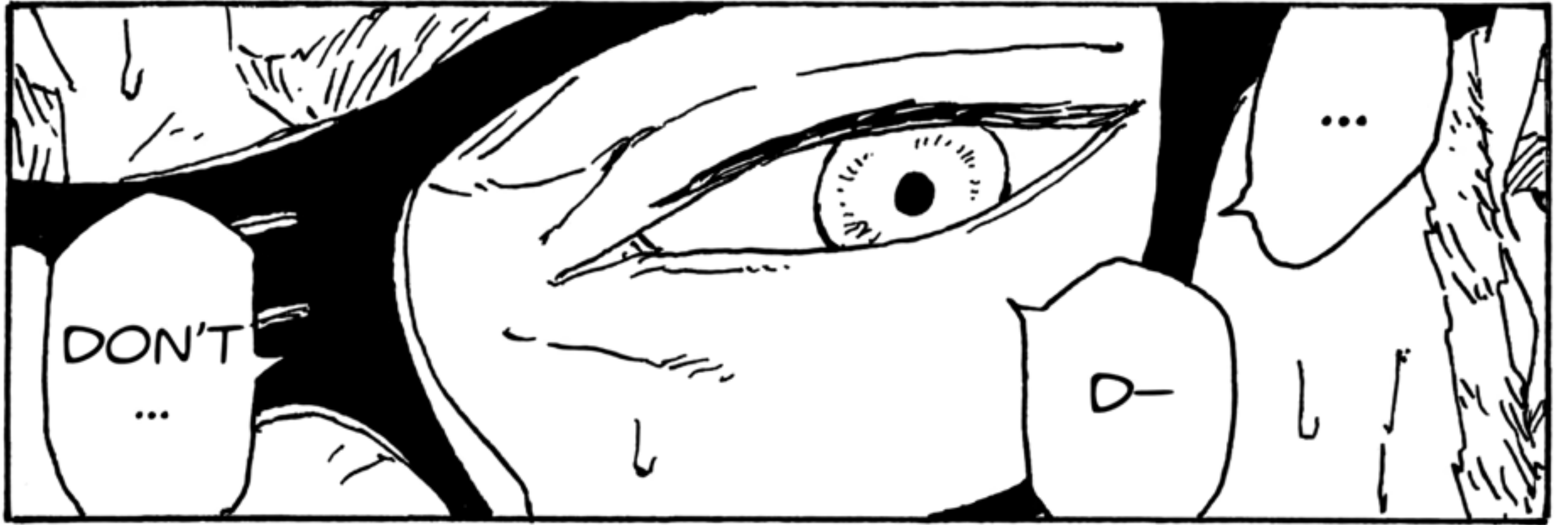
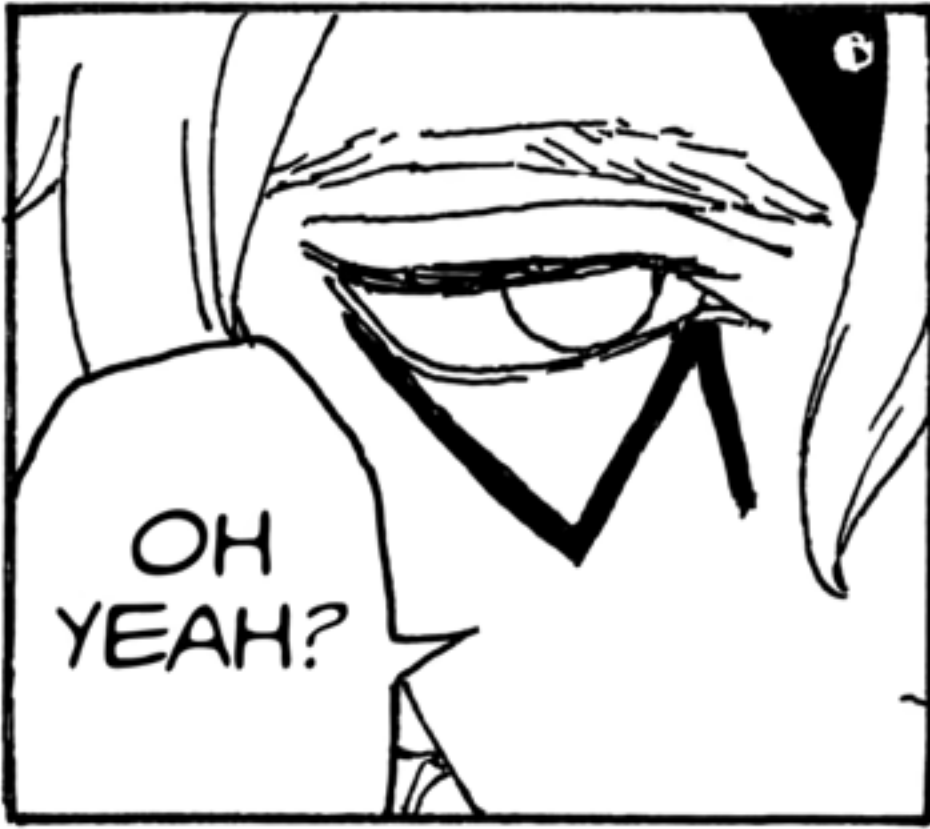


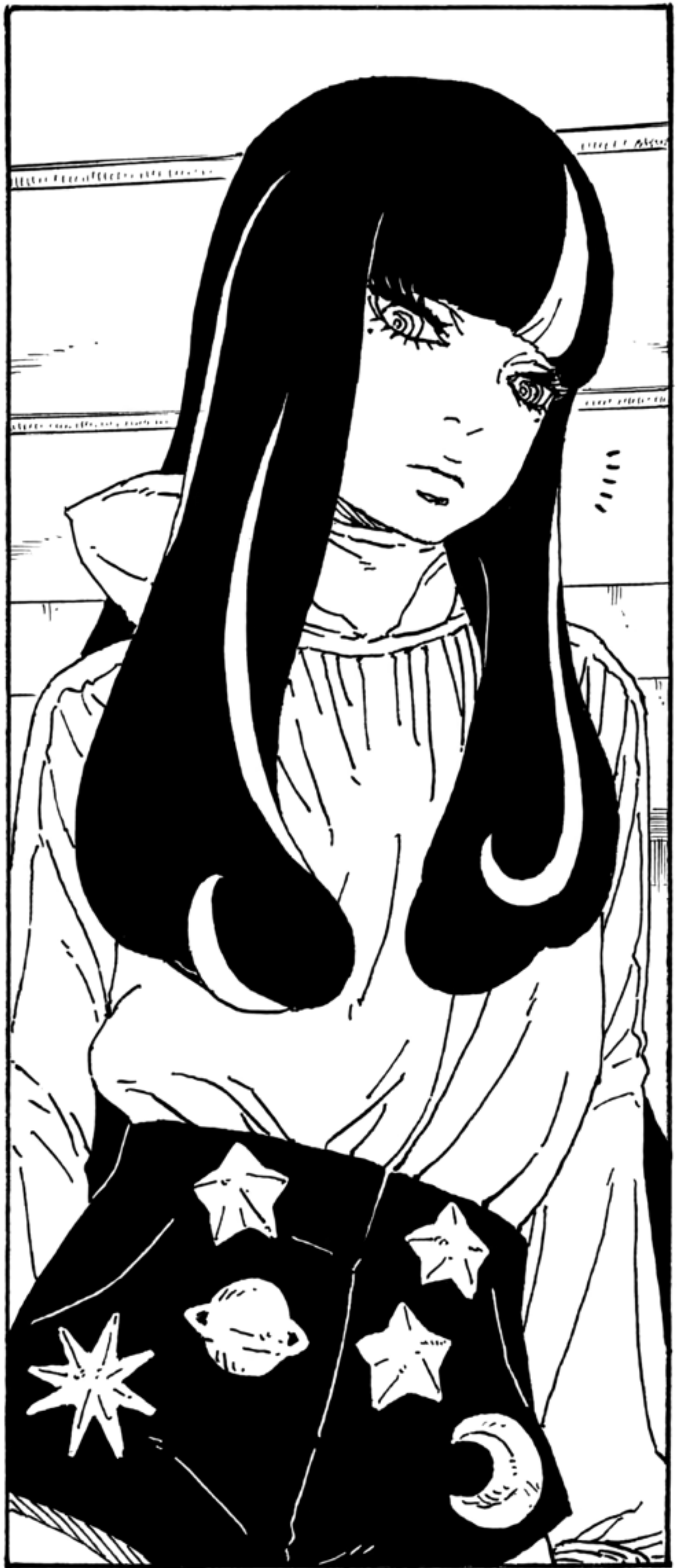
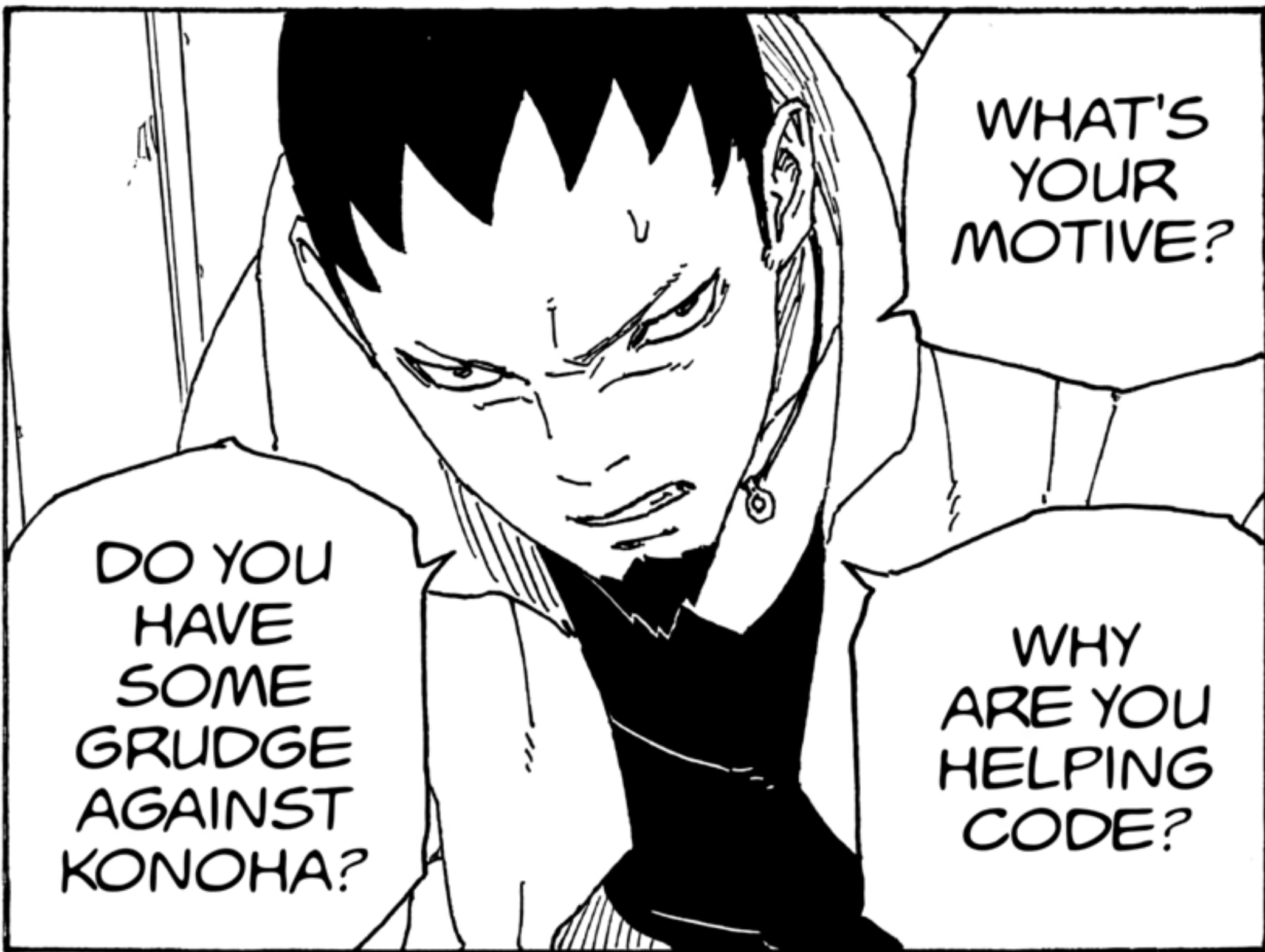
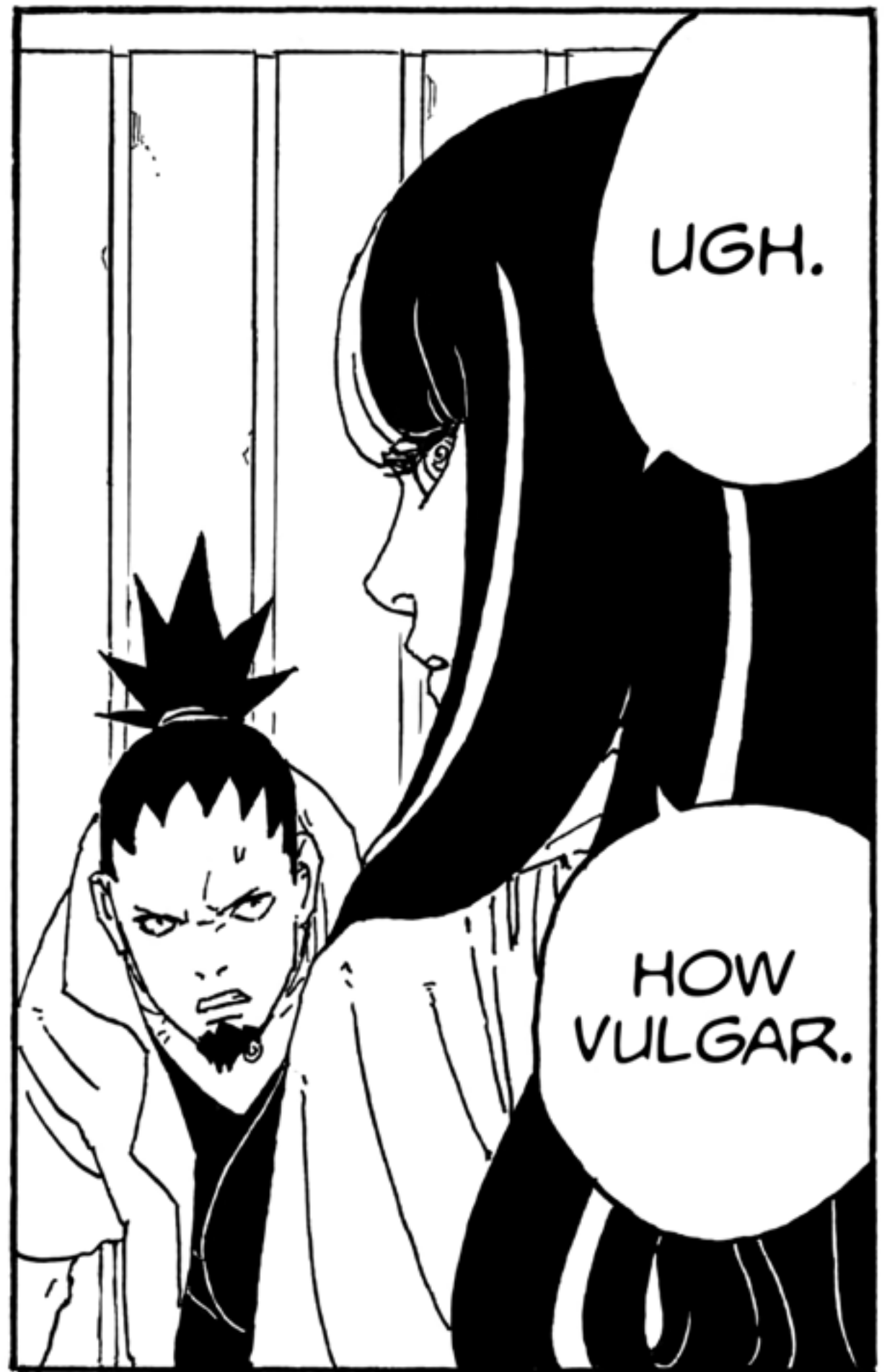
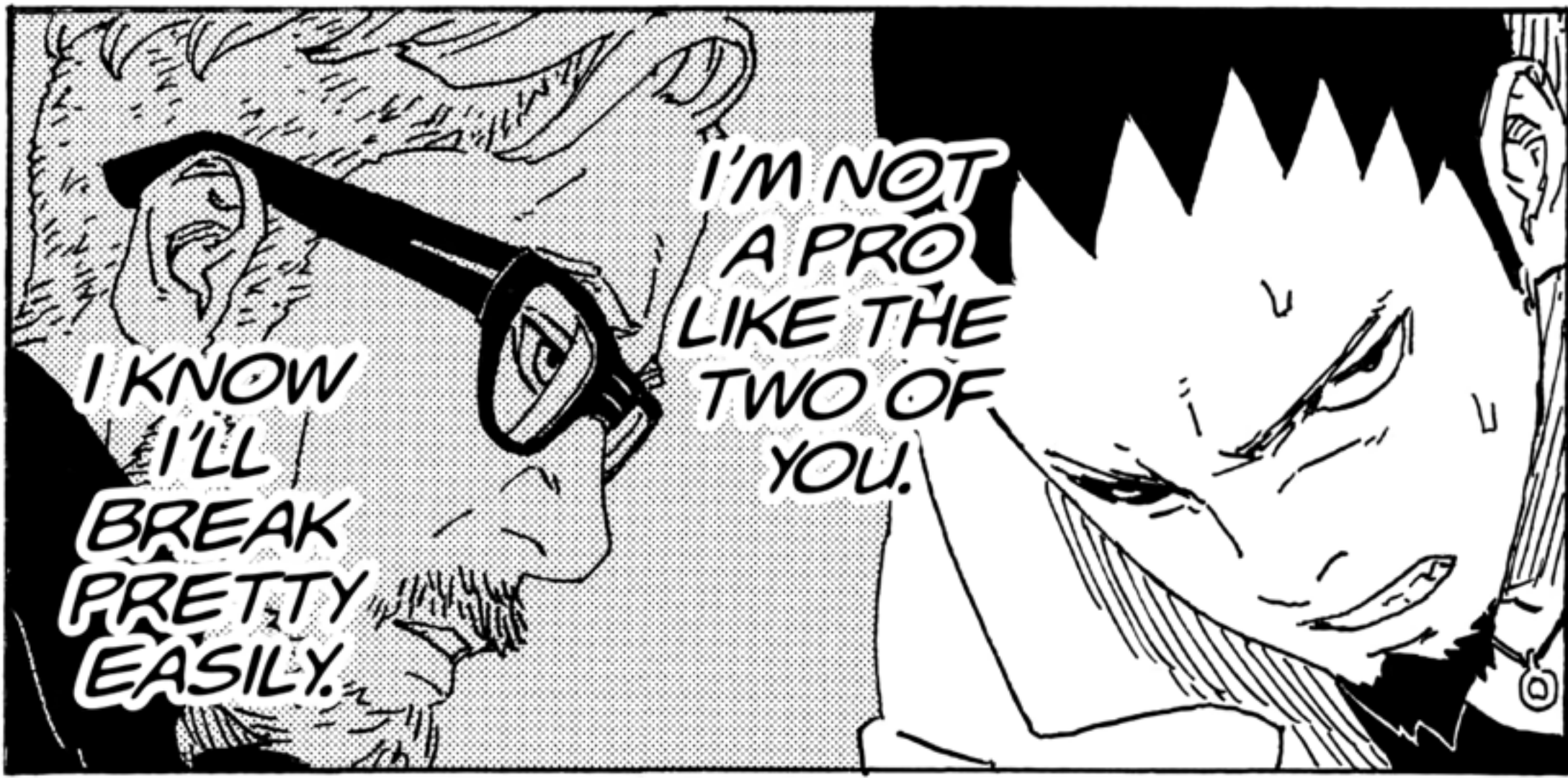


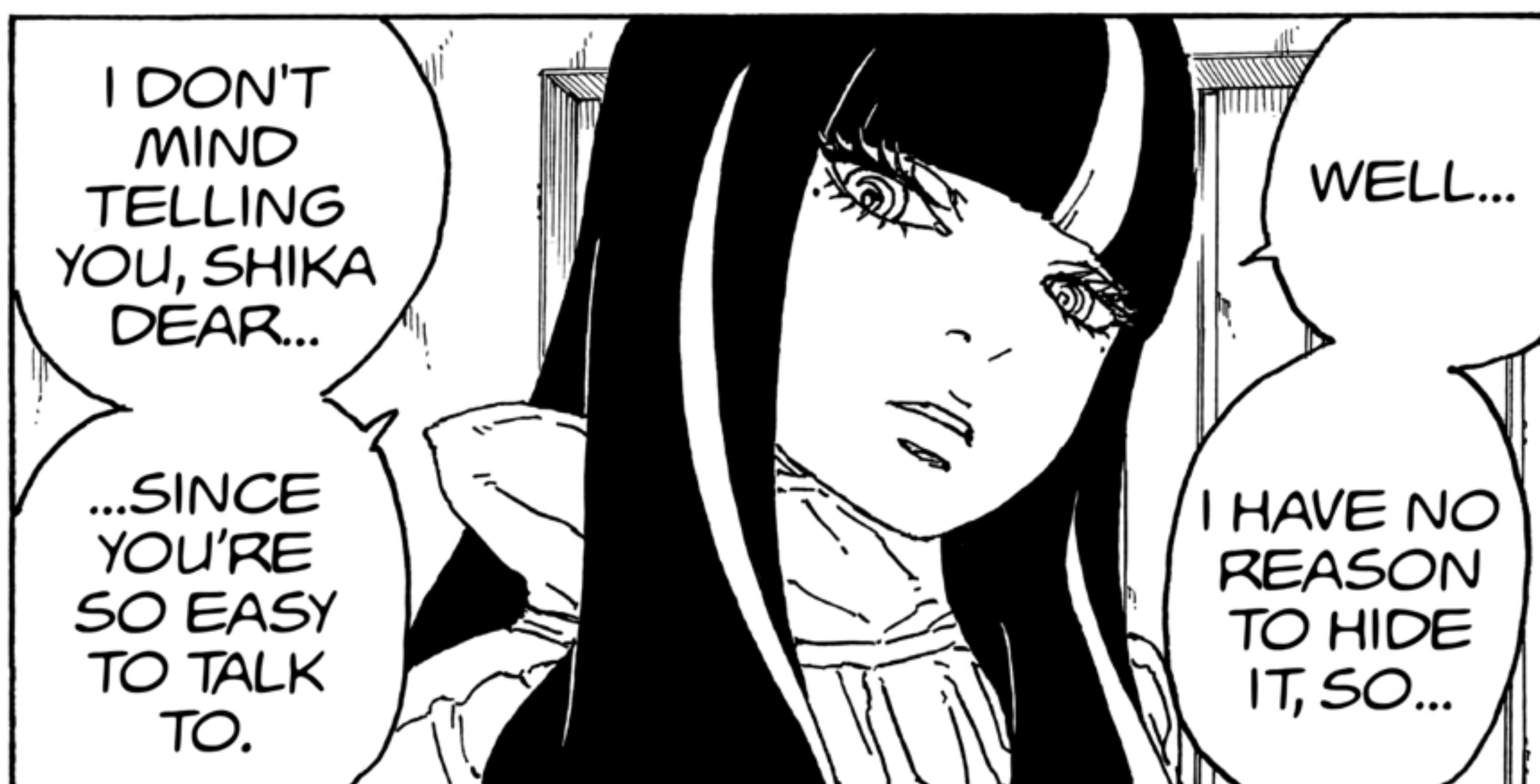


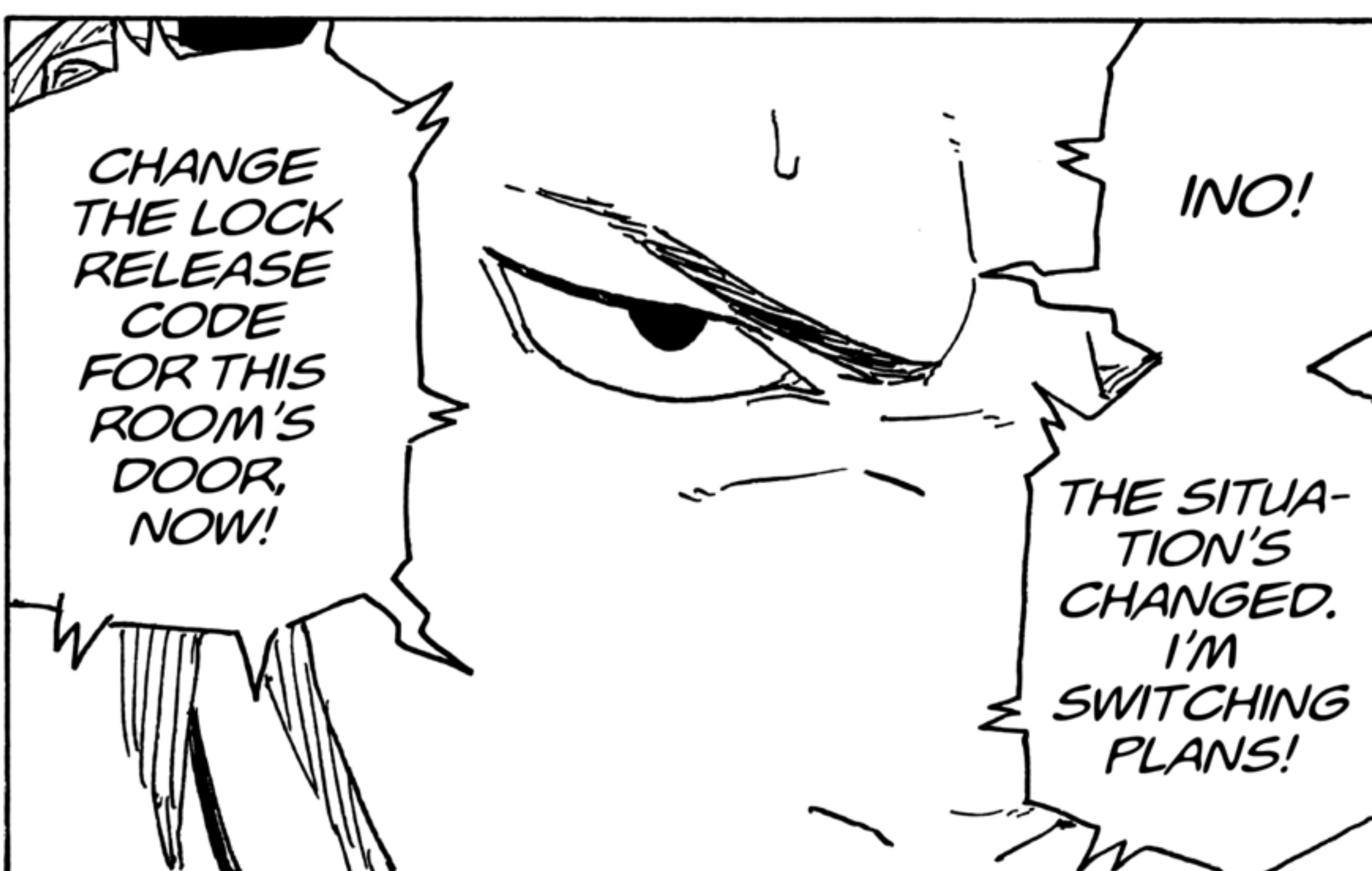
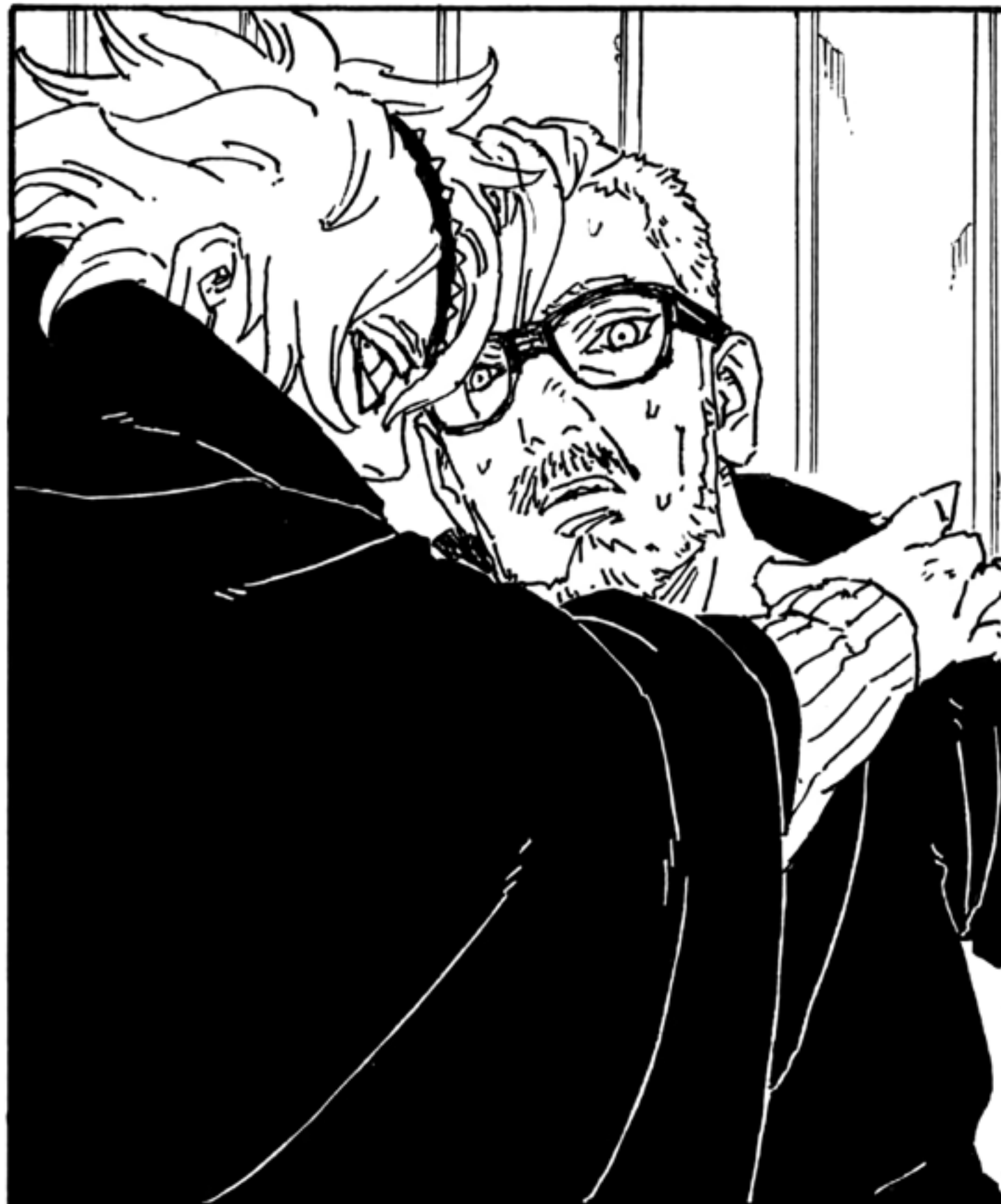


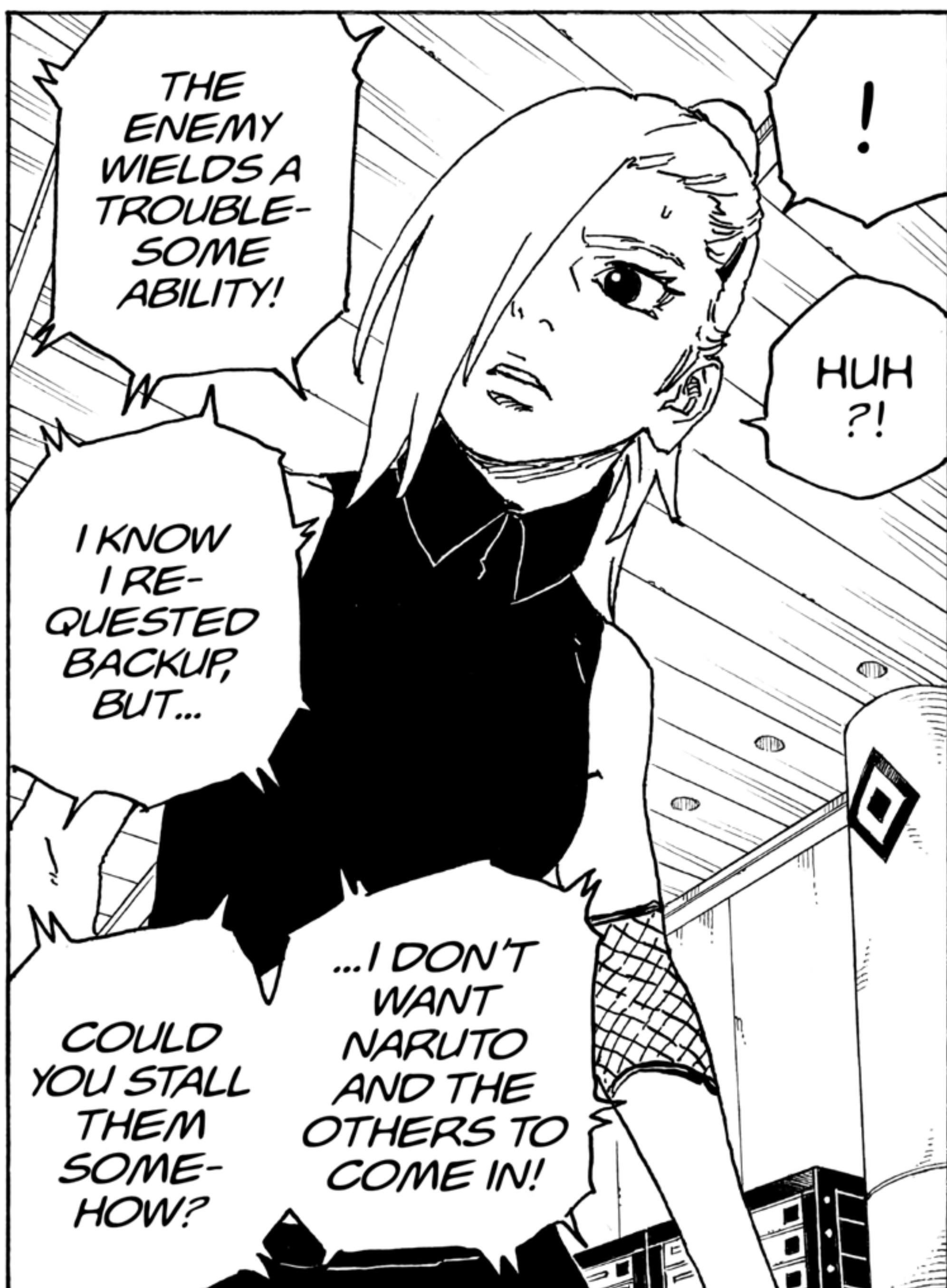


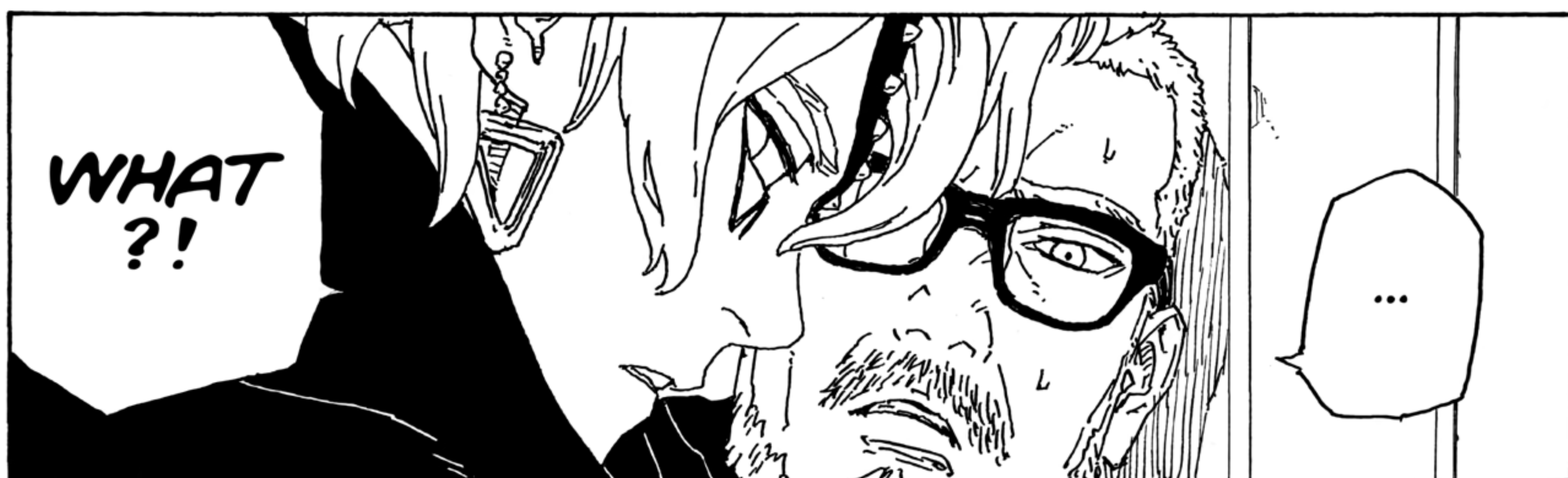










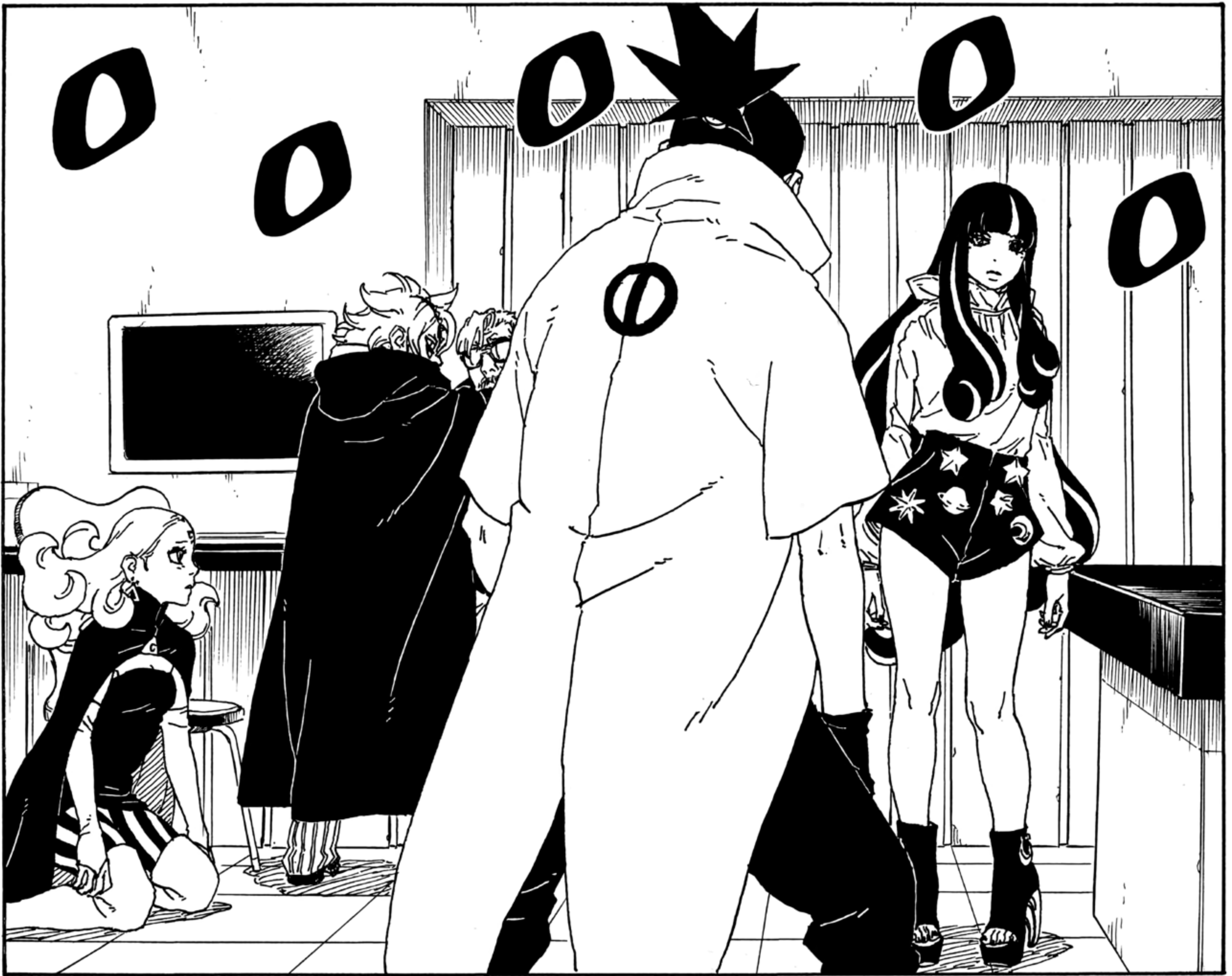


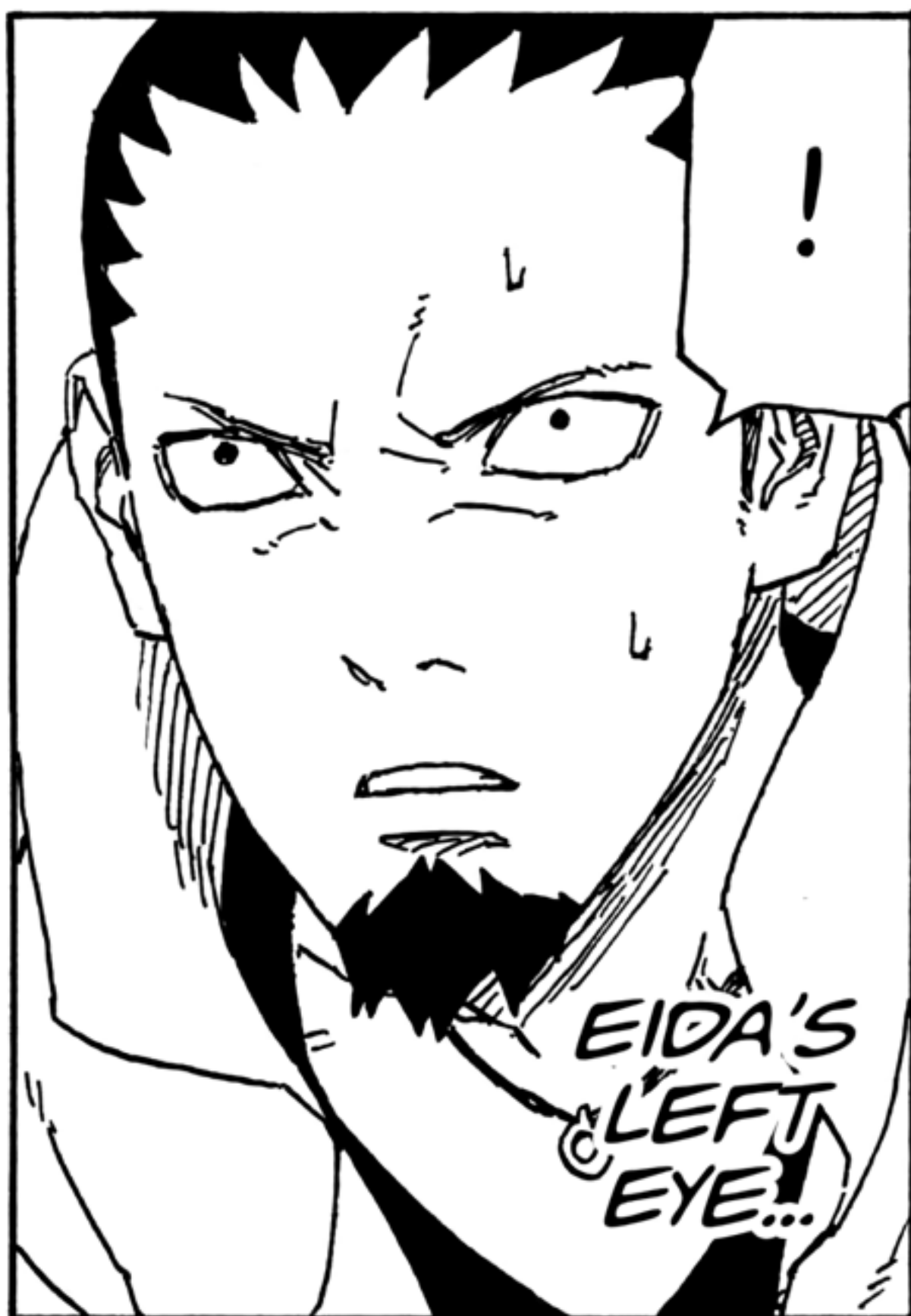
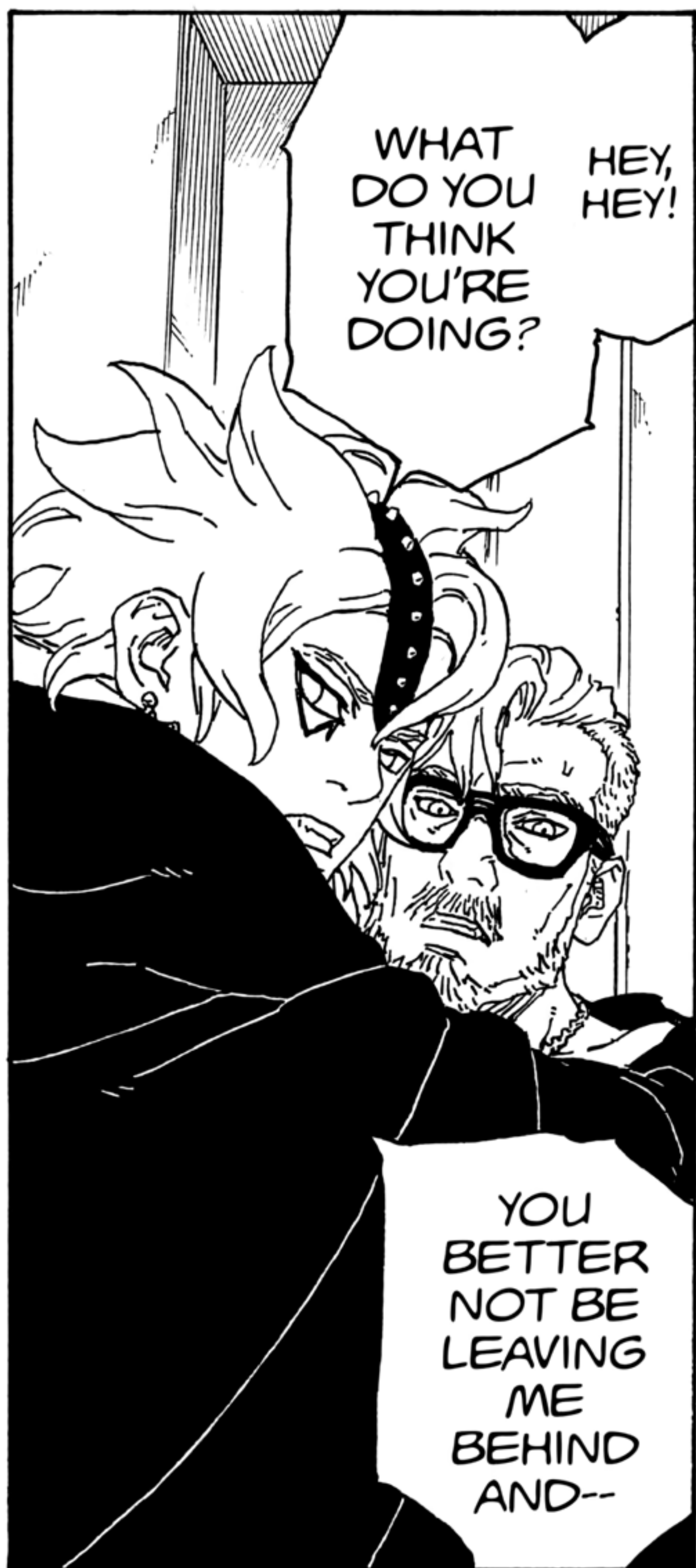
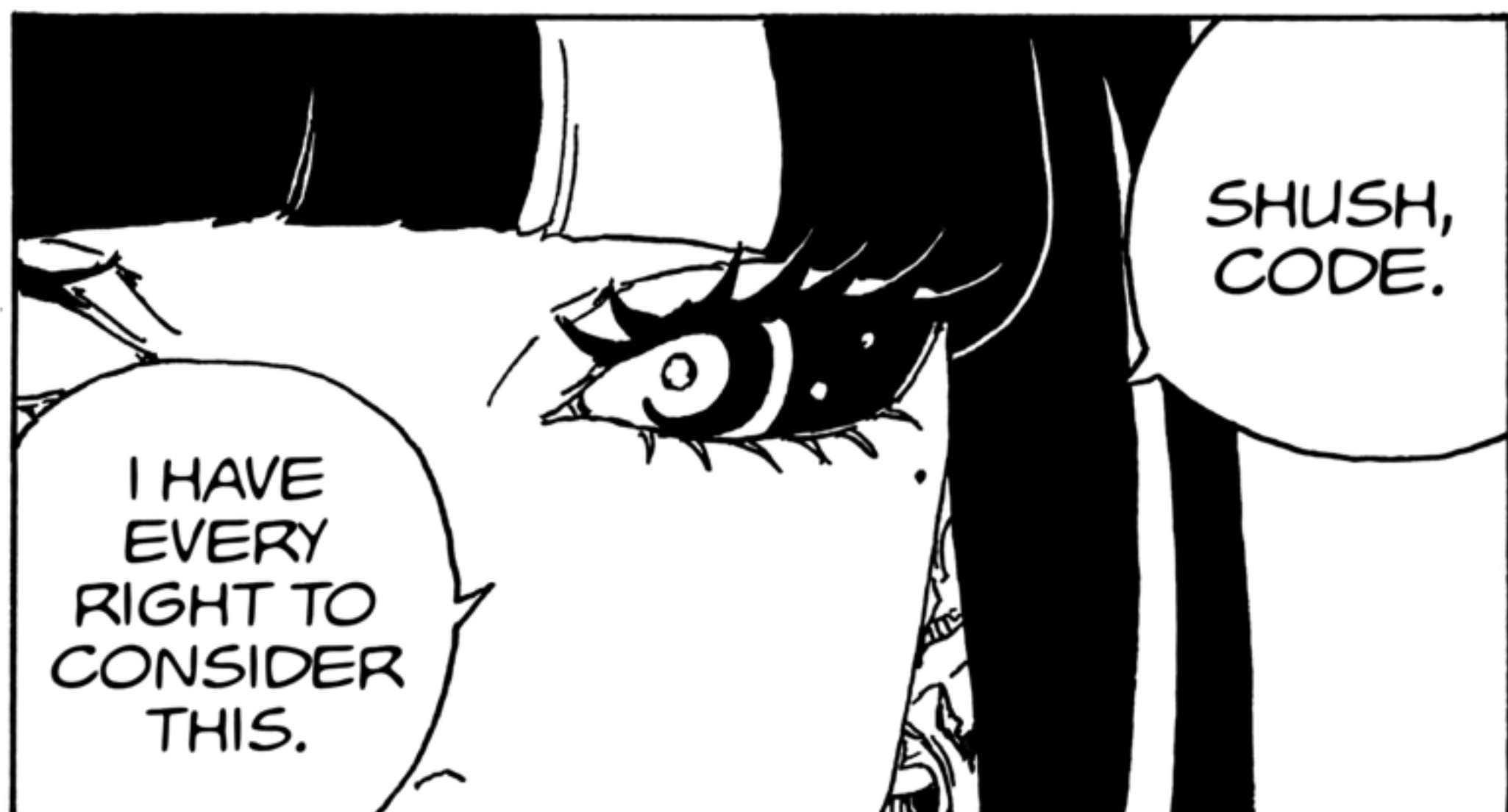
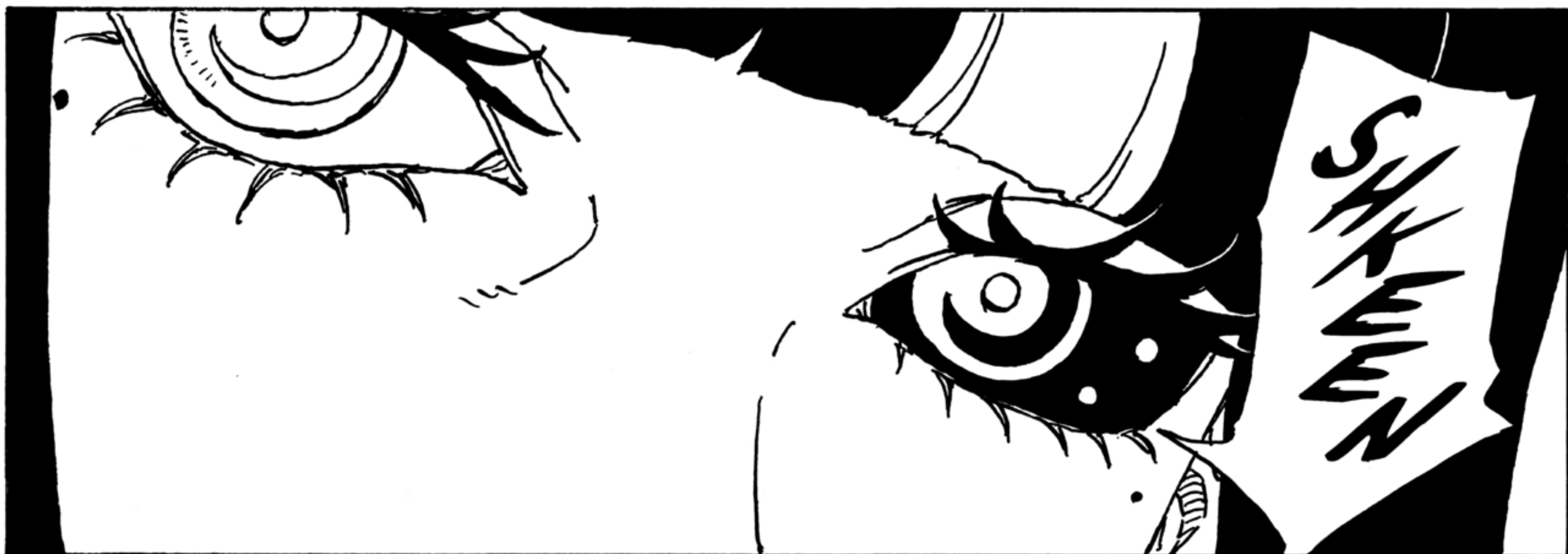


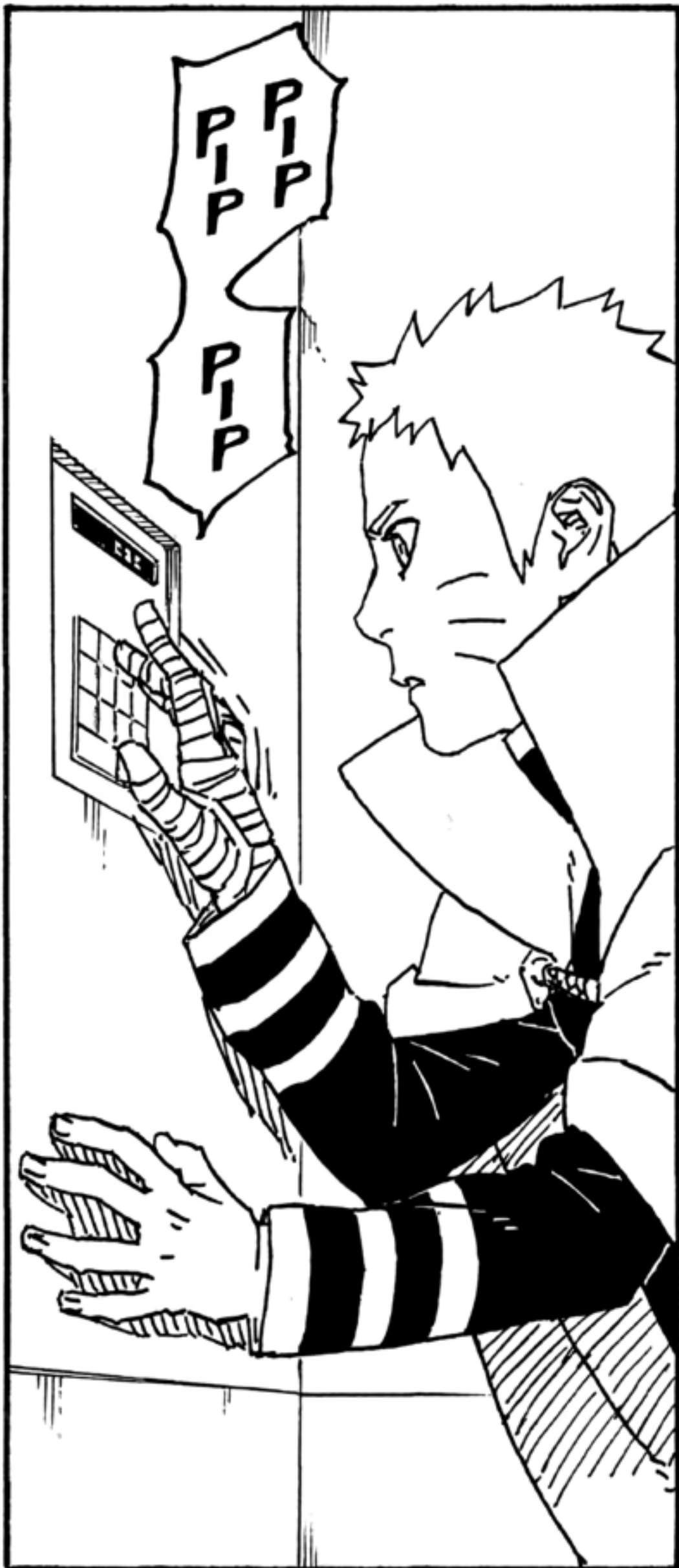


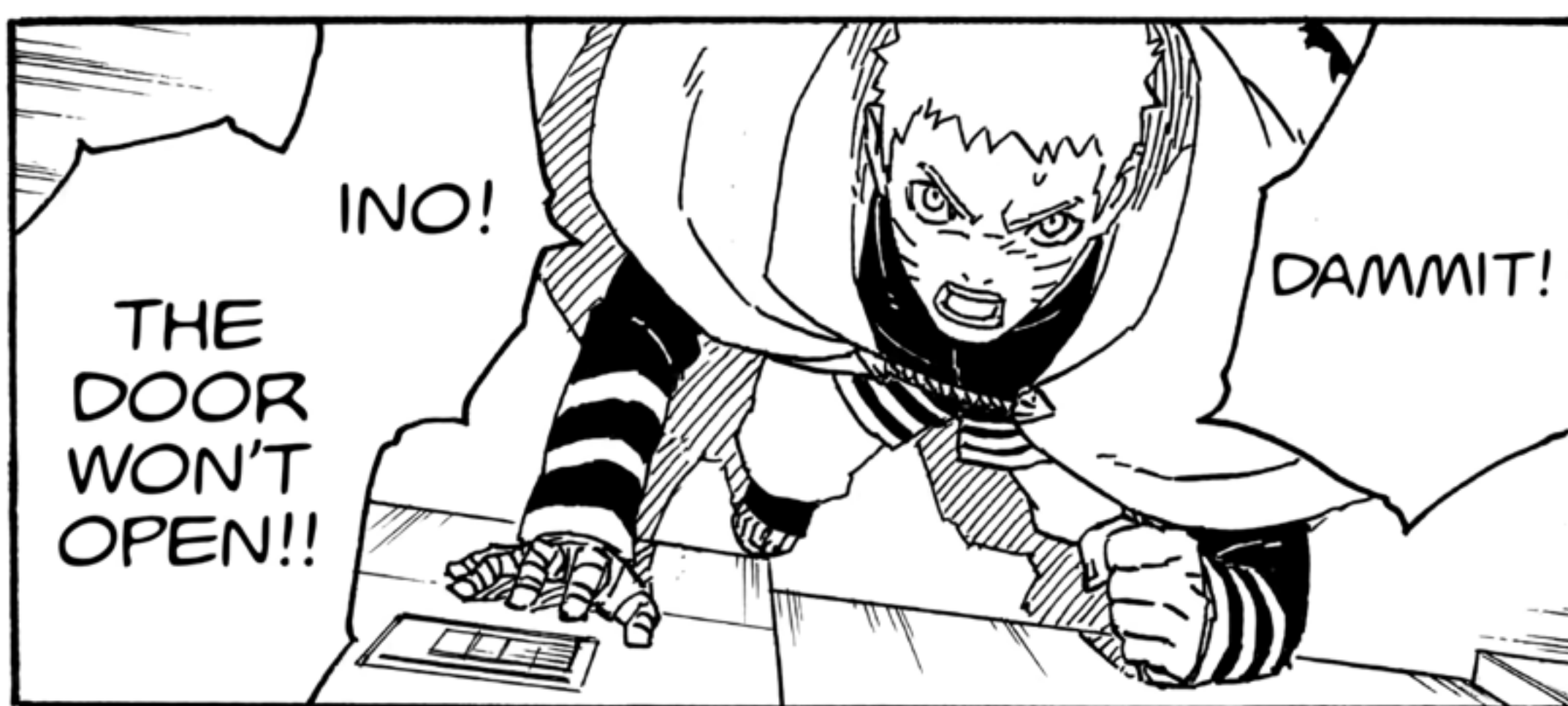
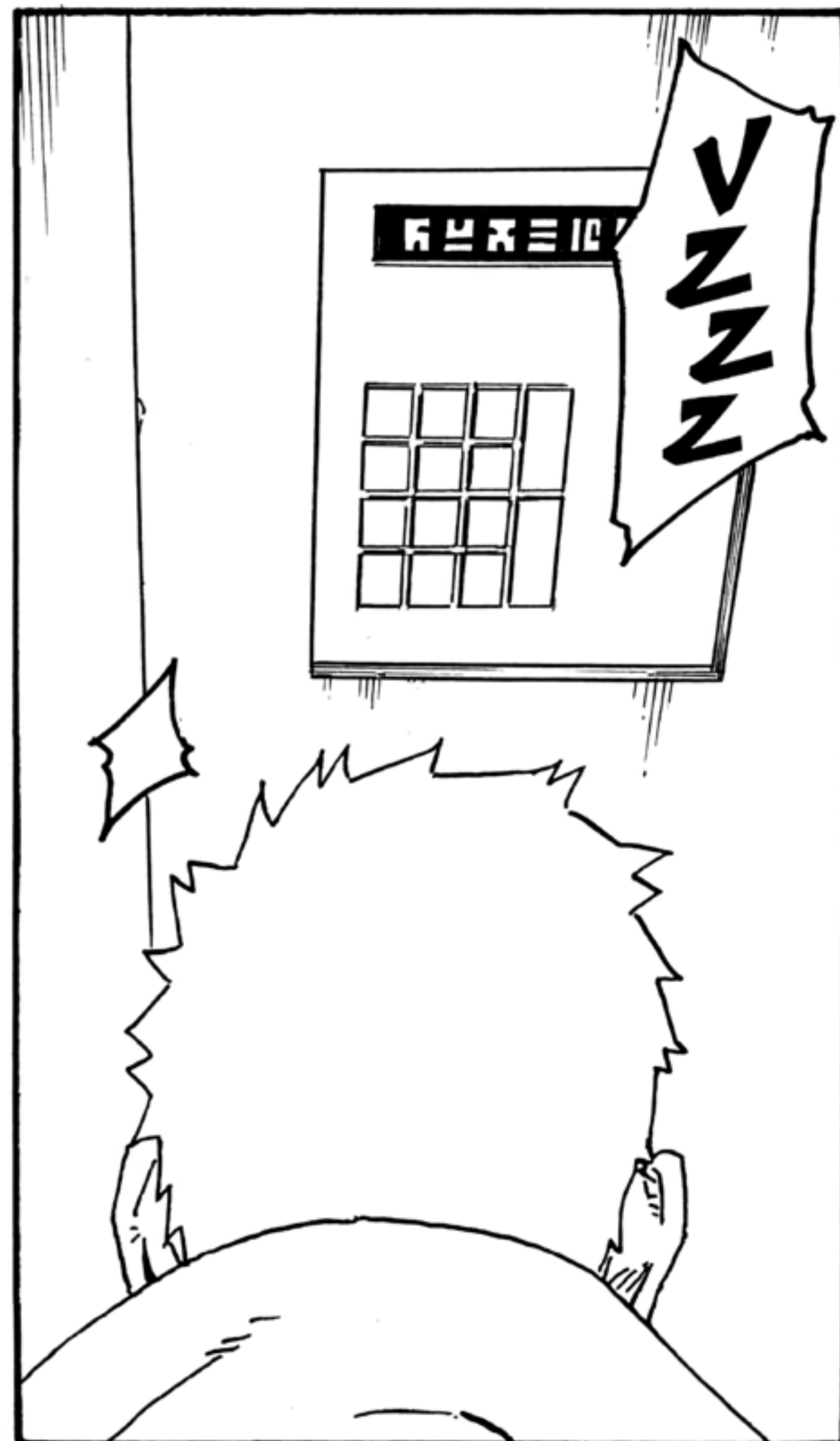
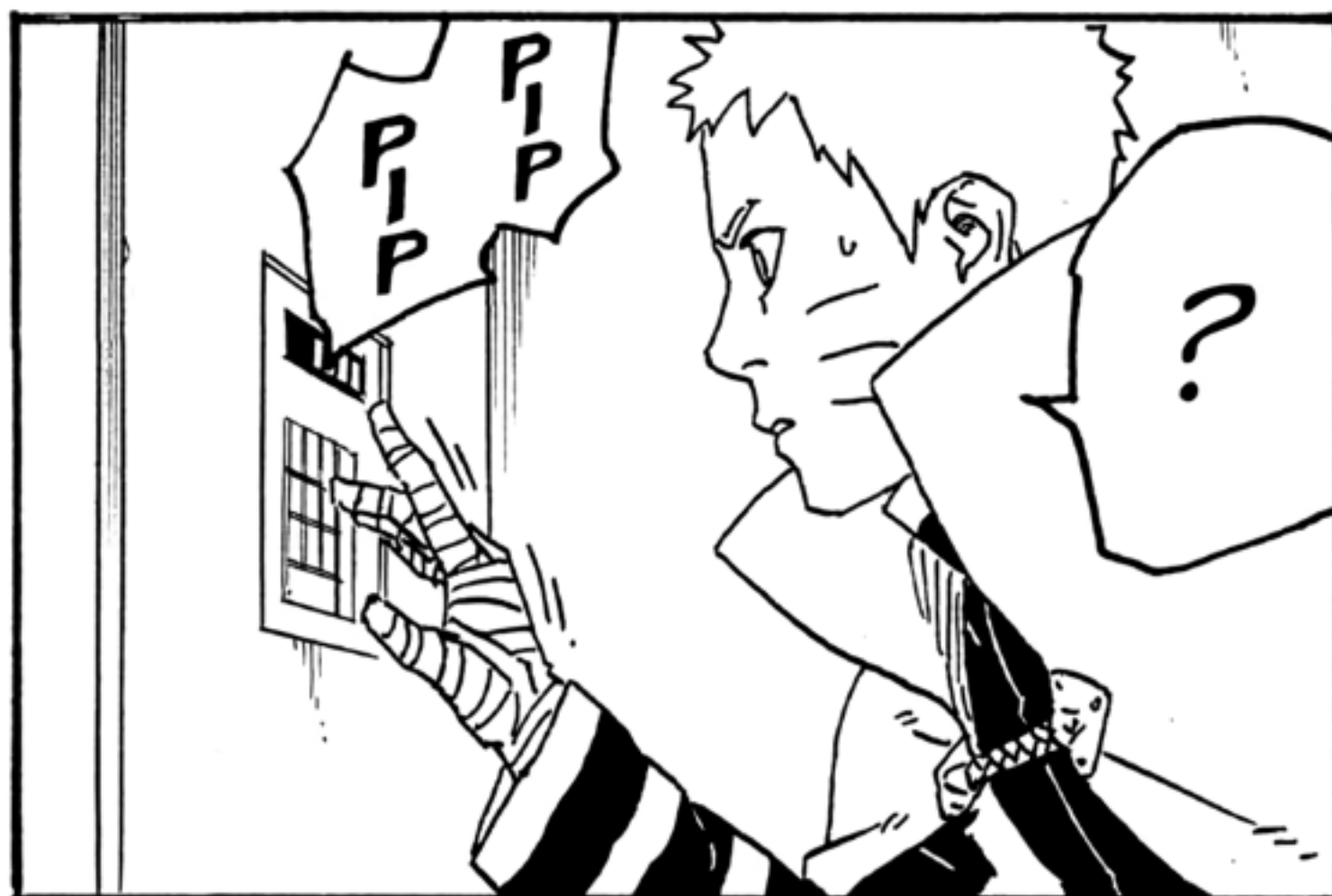
Number 70:
From the Bottom
of My Heart

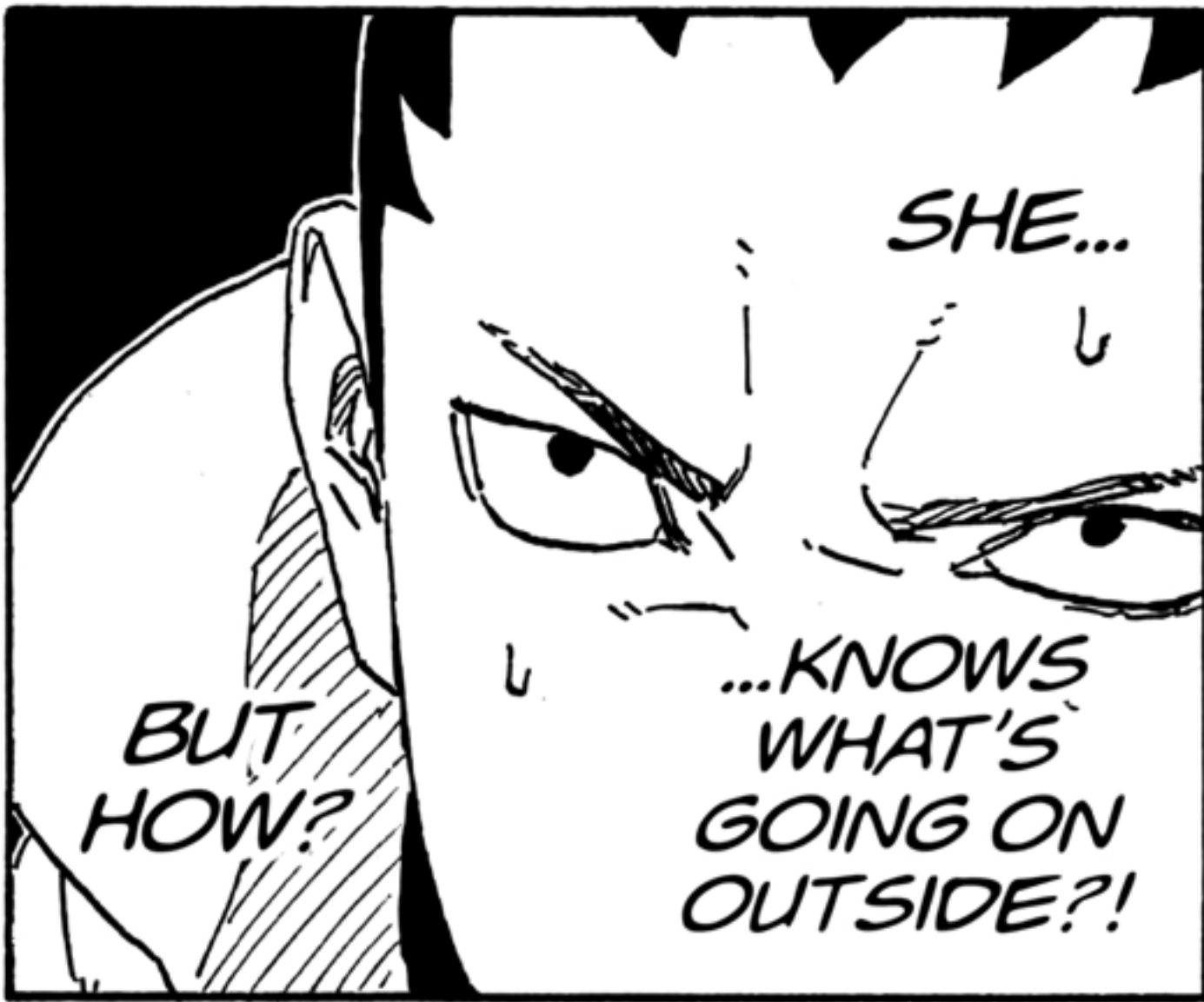
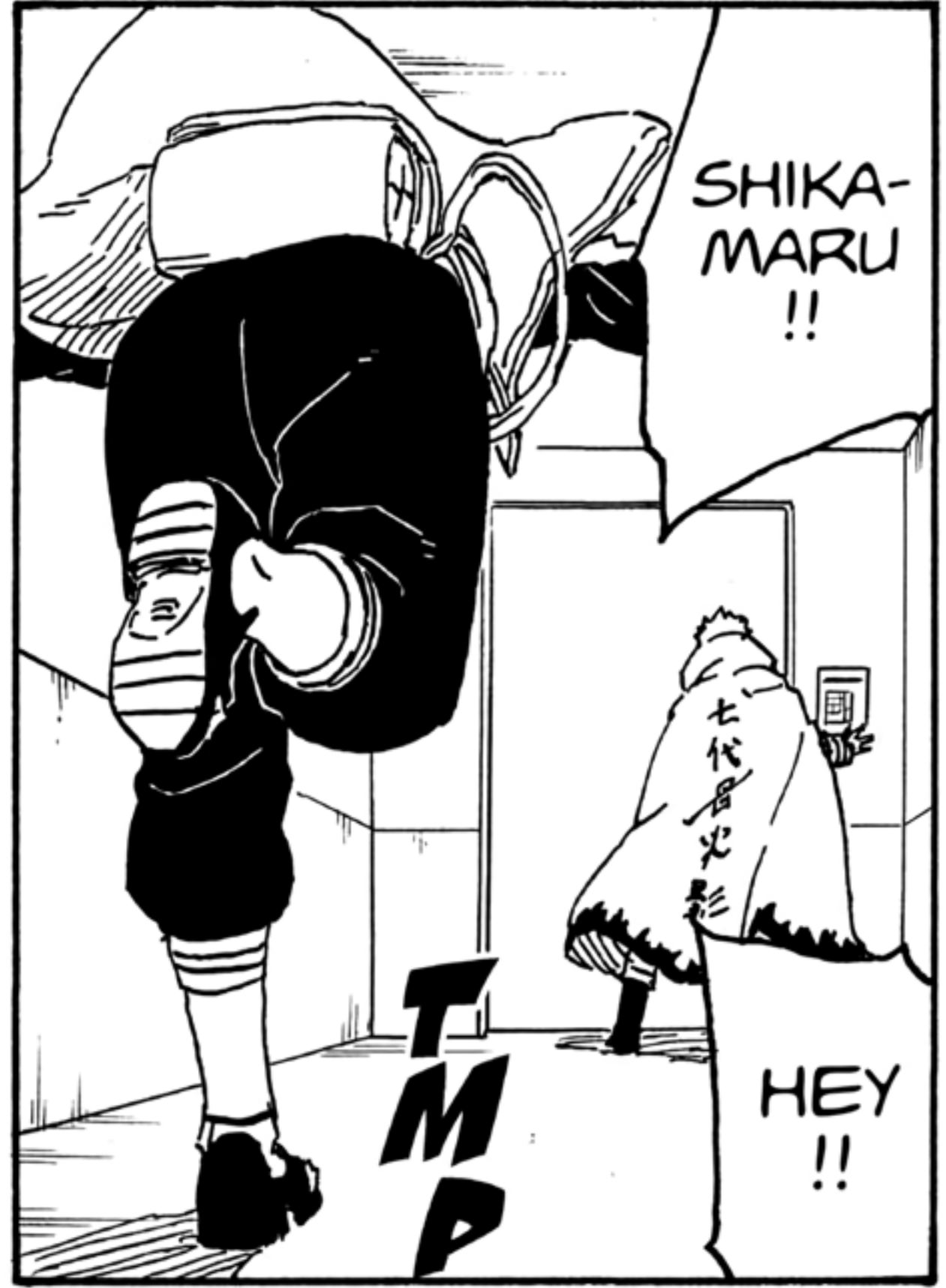
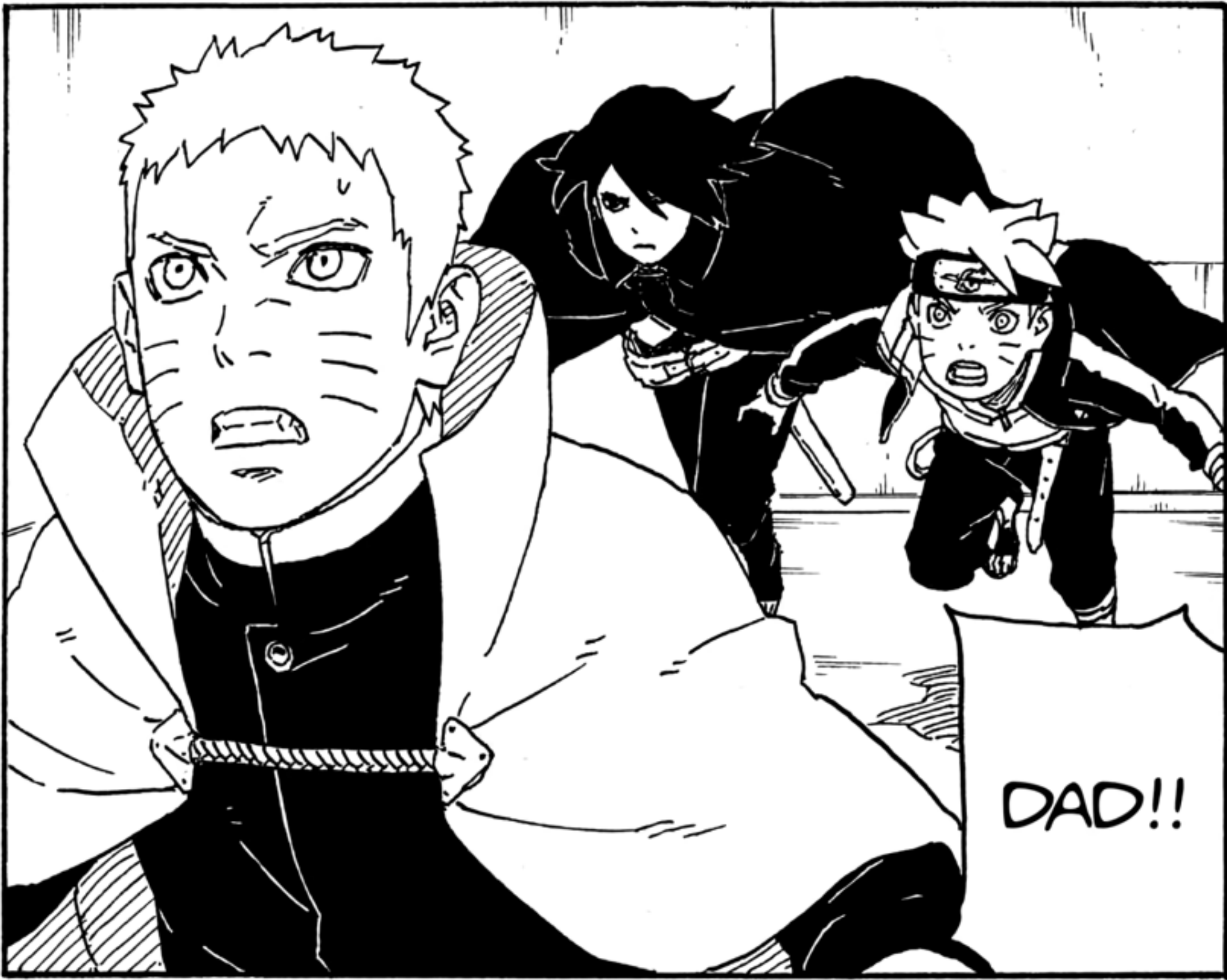
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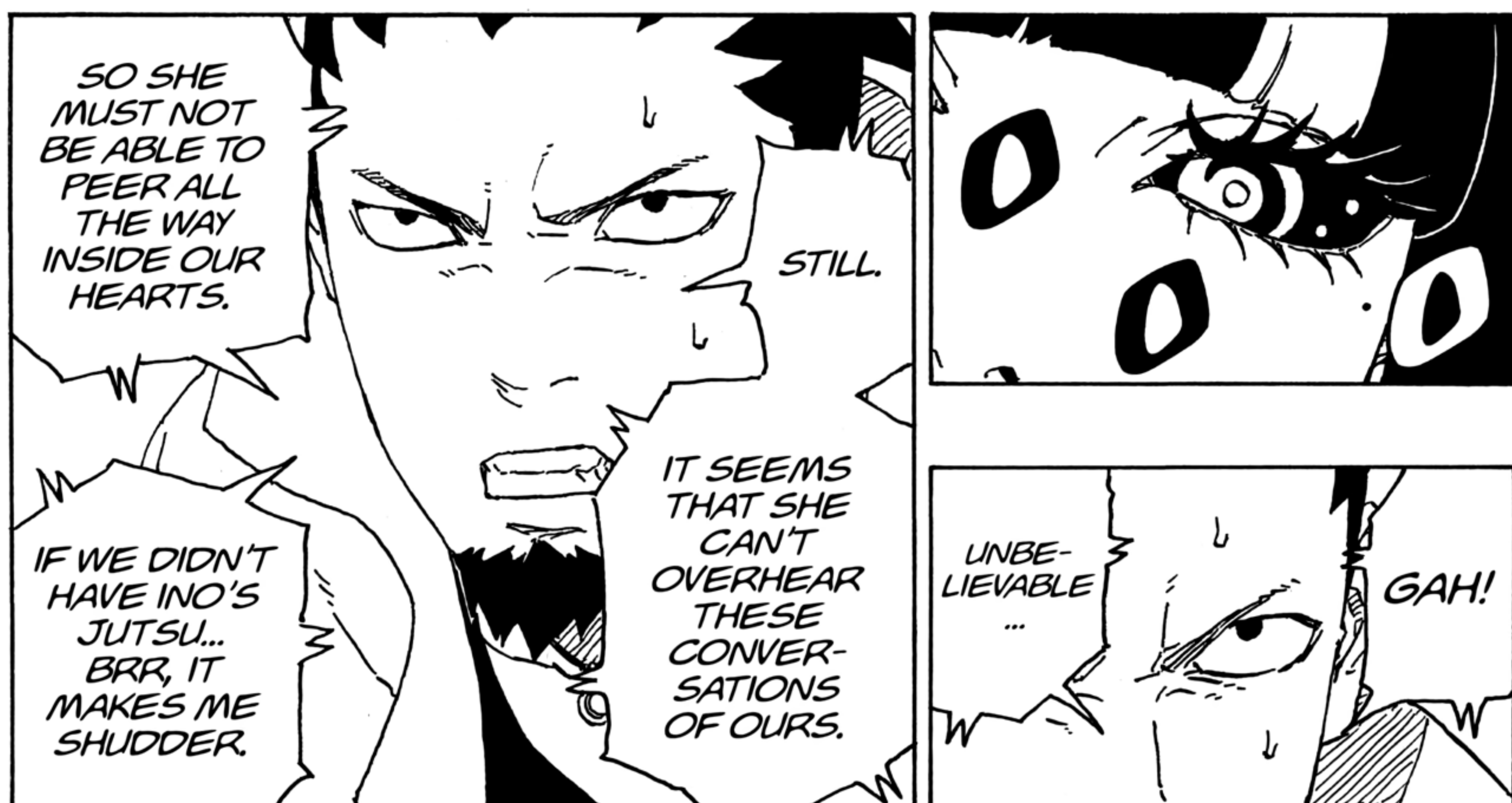
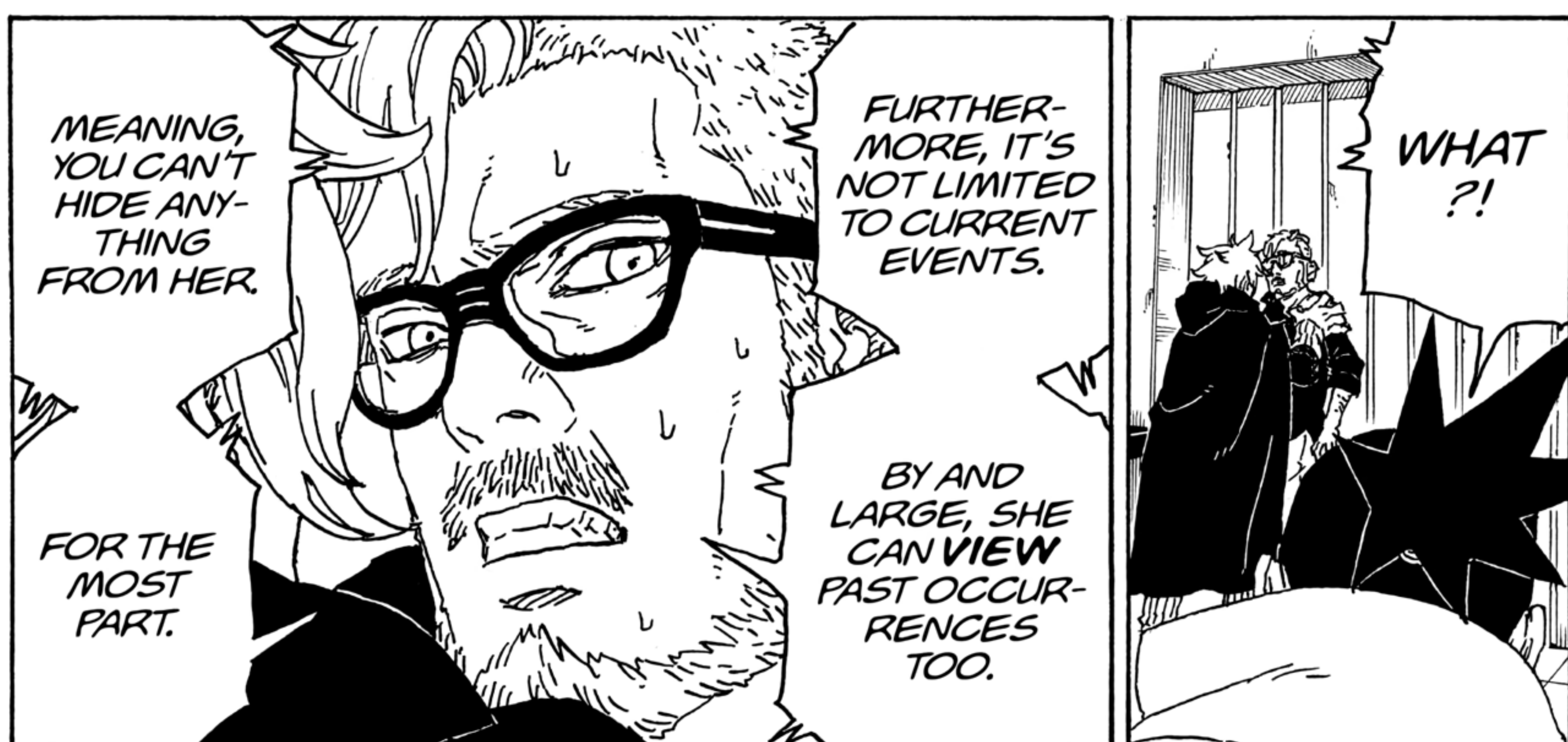
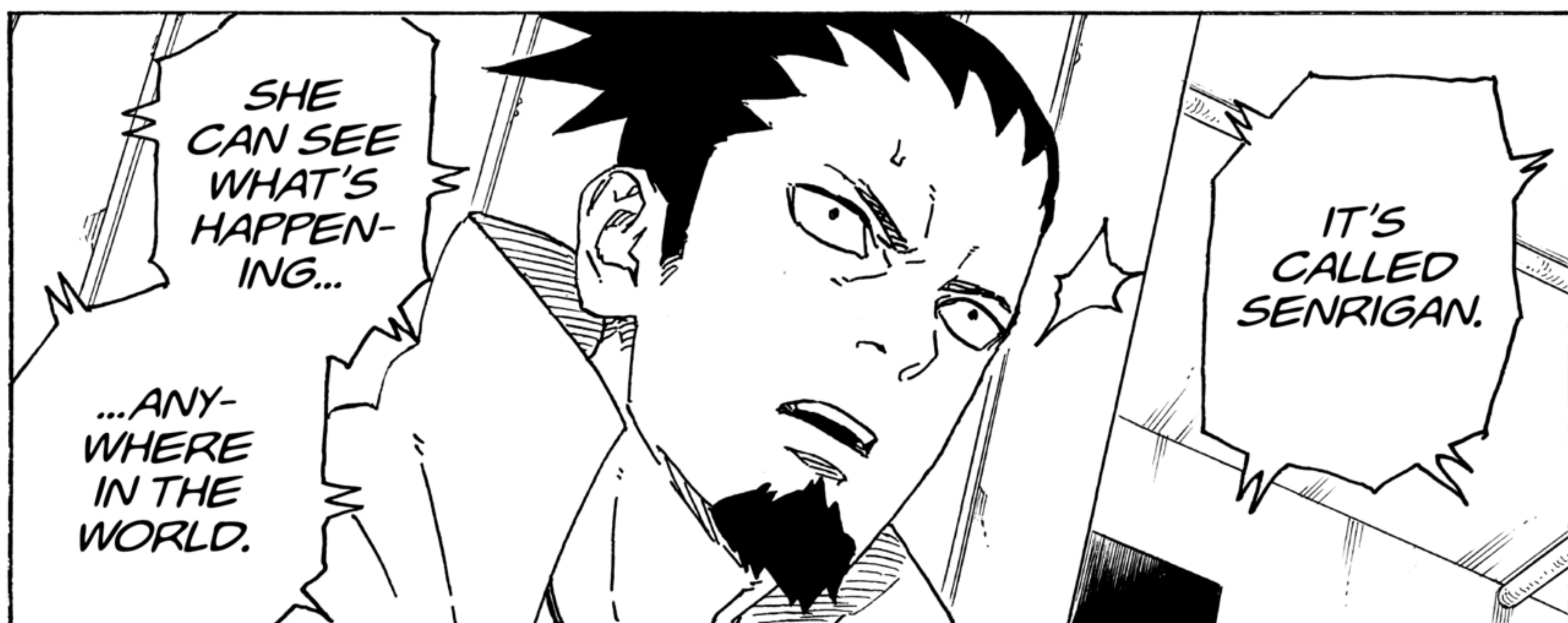


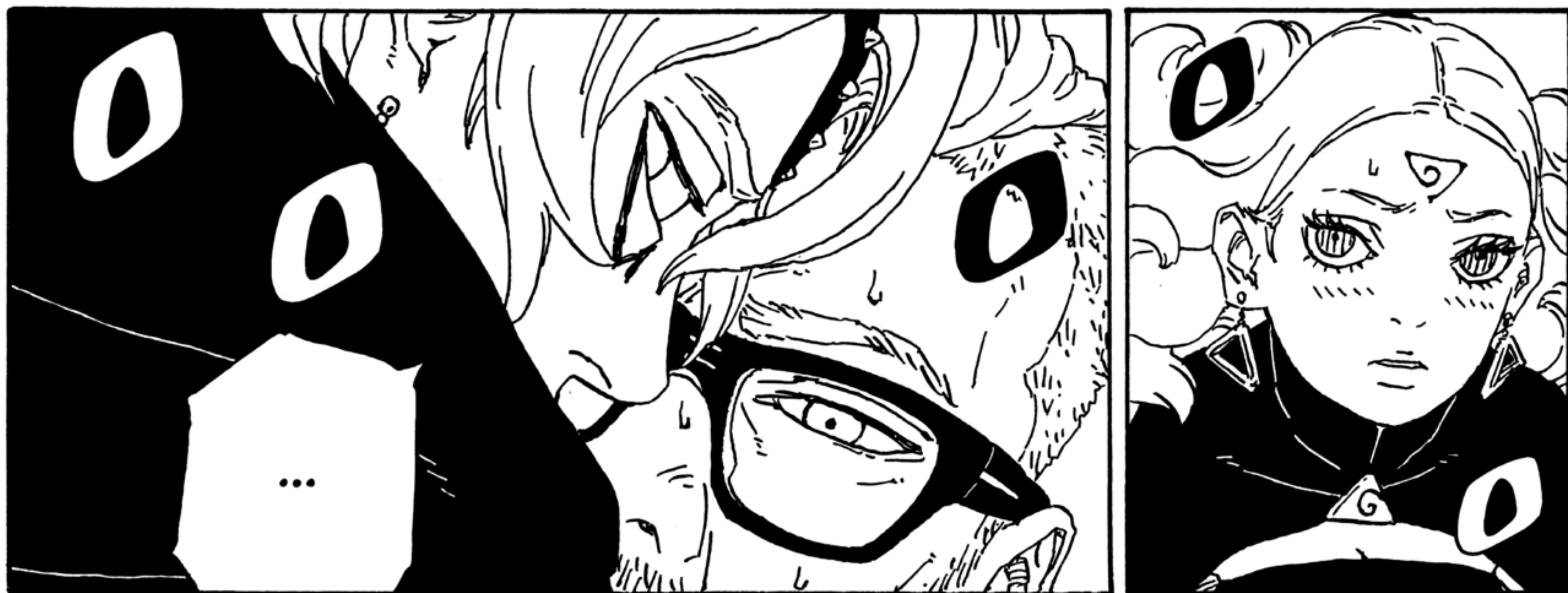
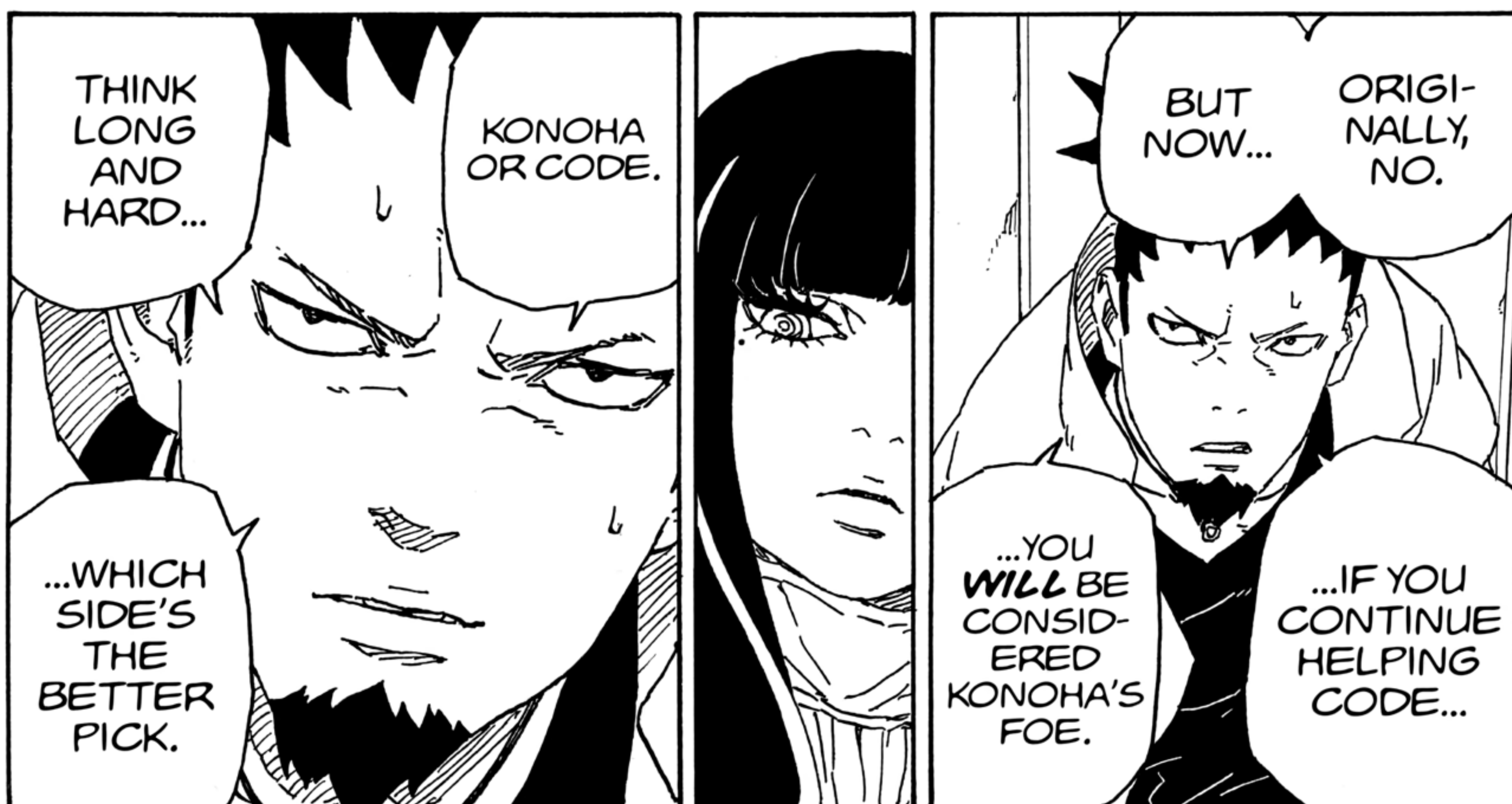
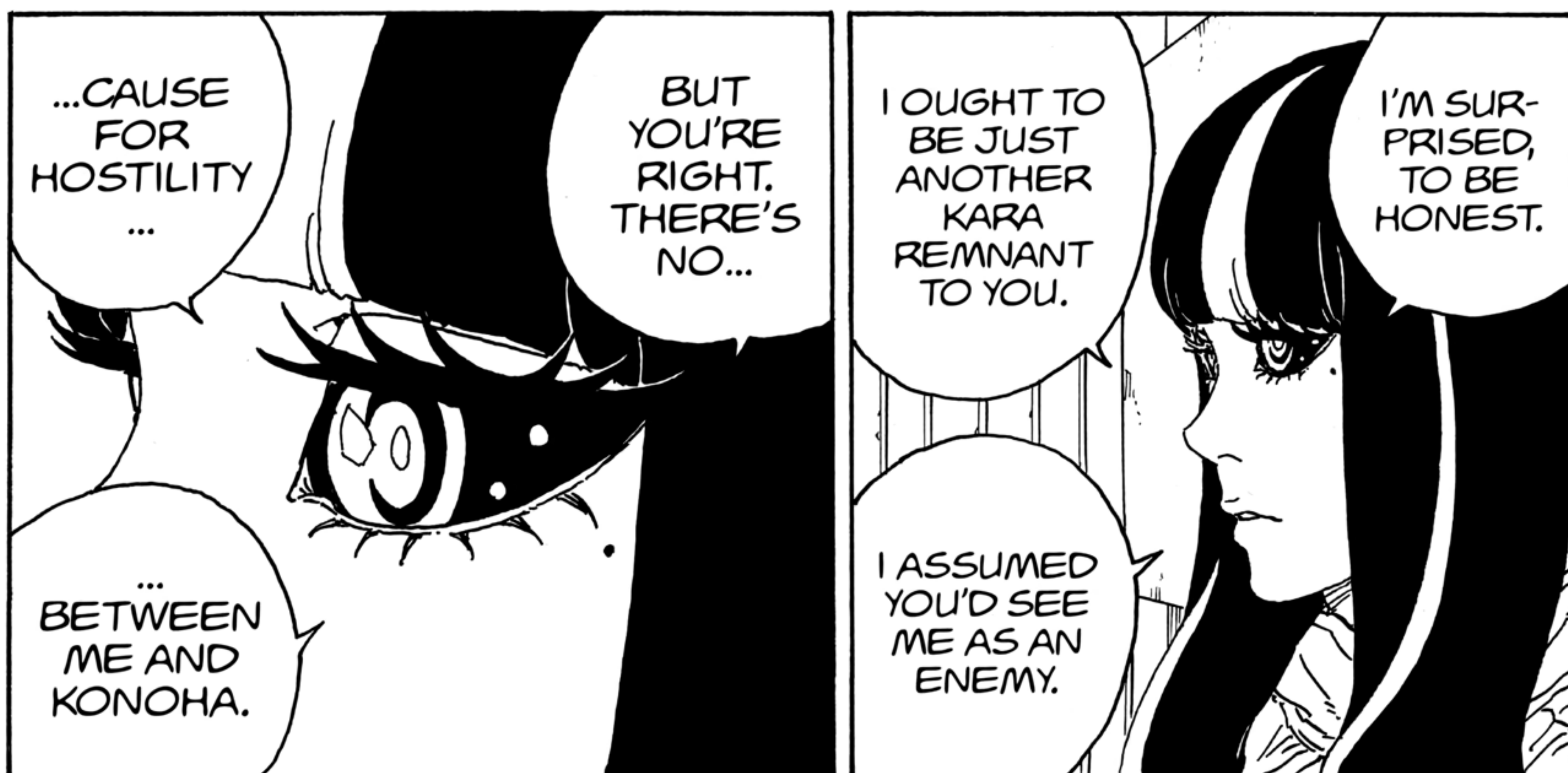


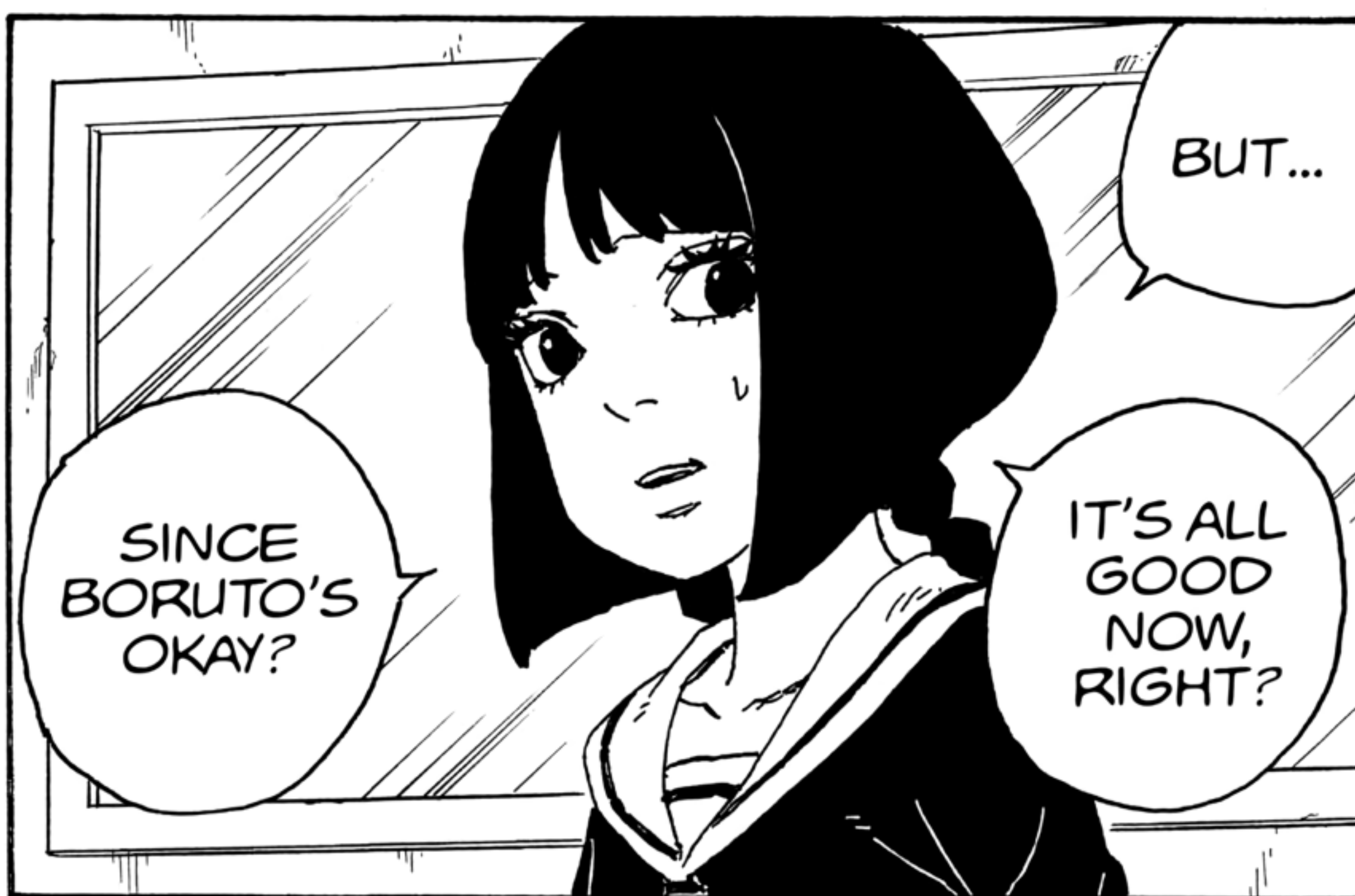
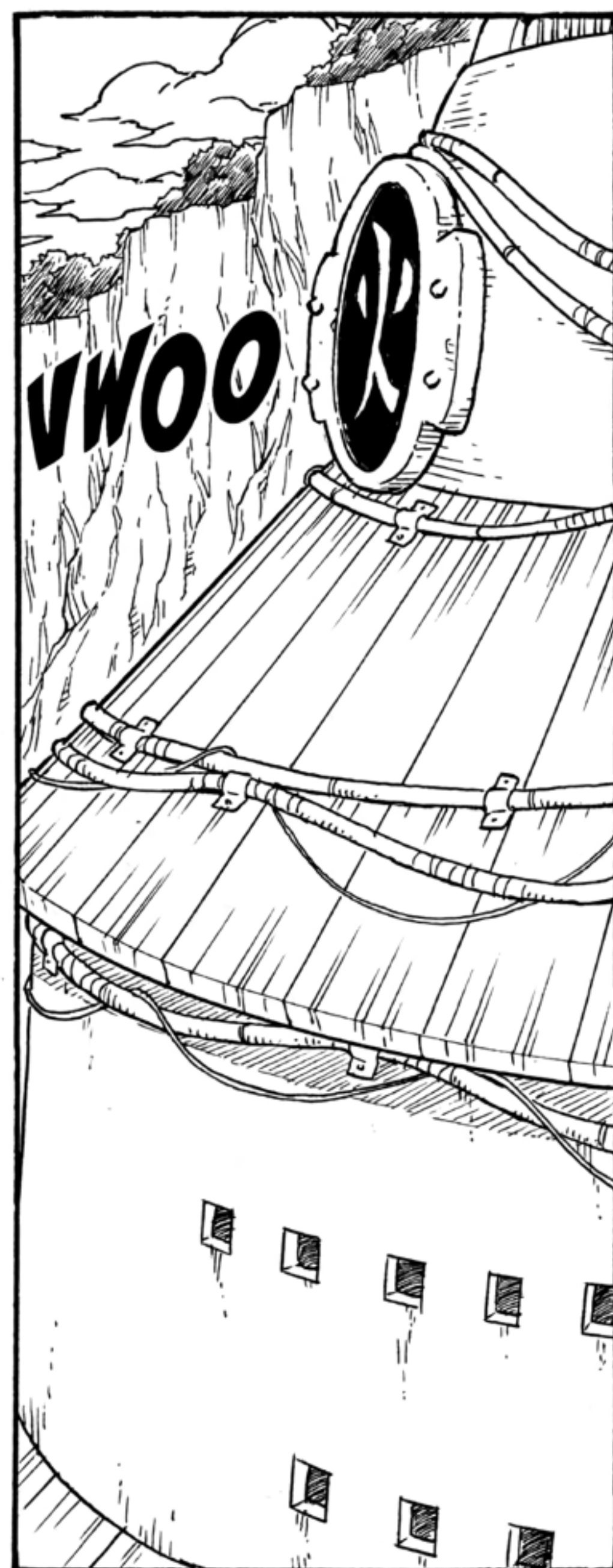


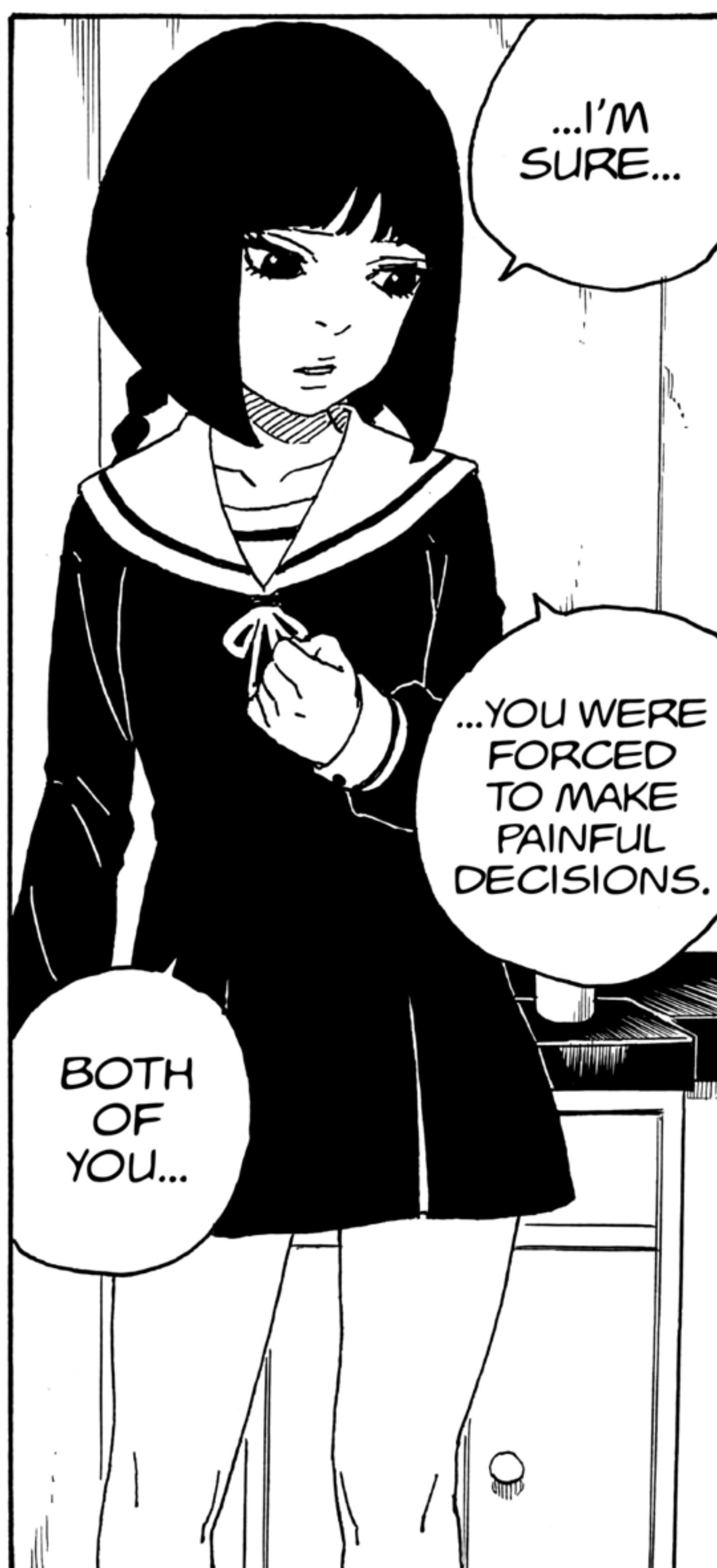
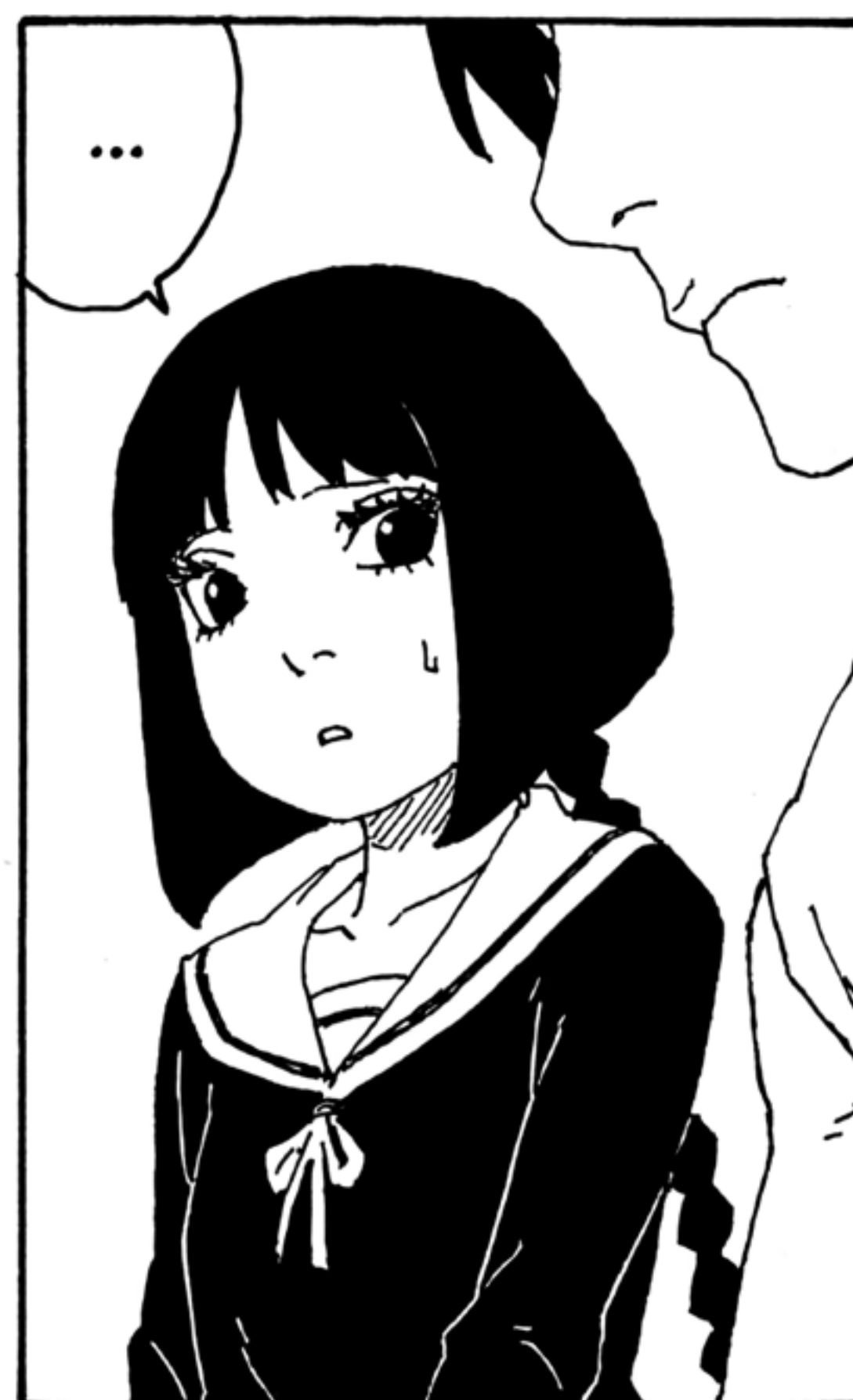
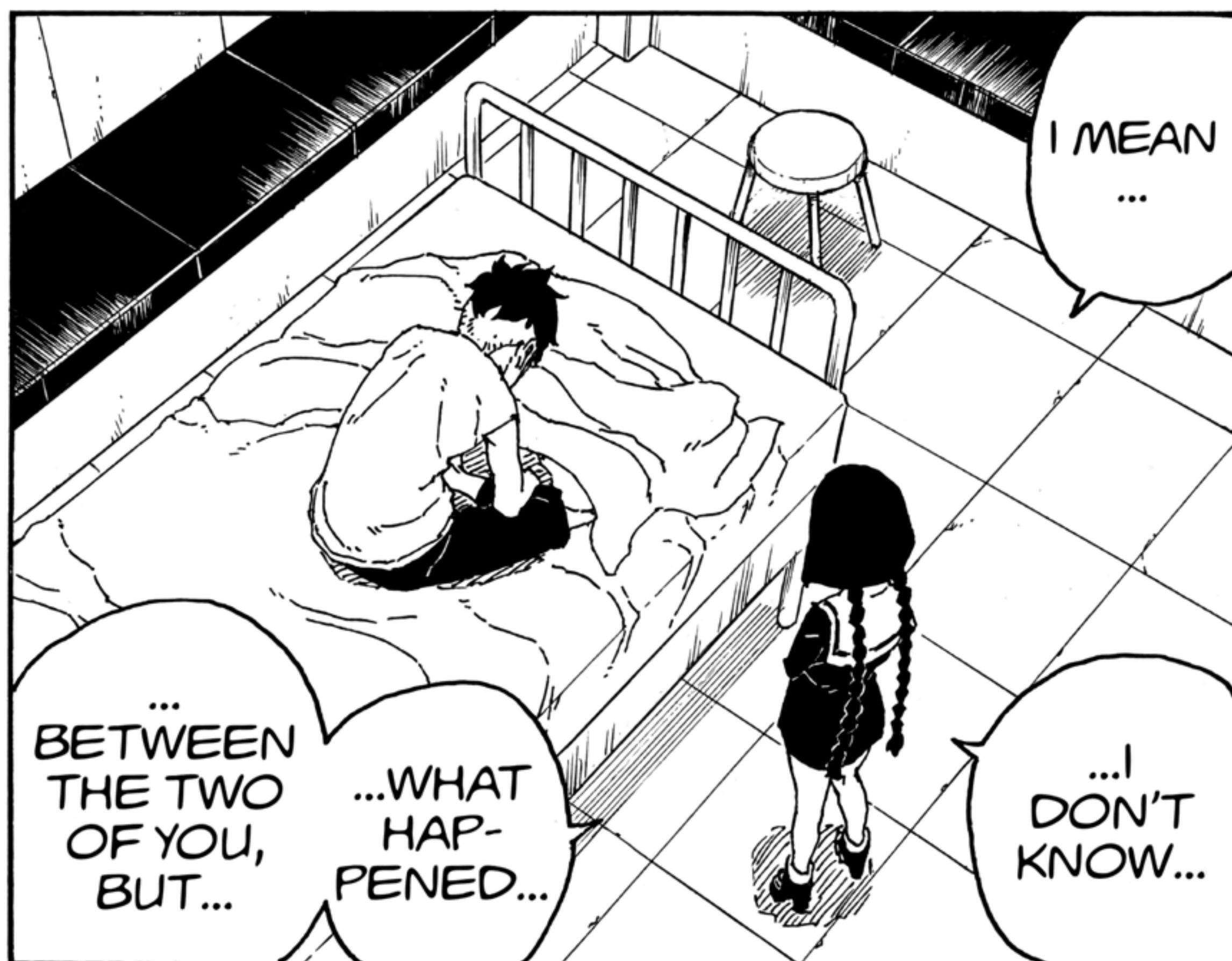


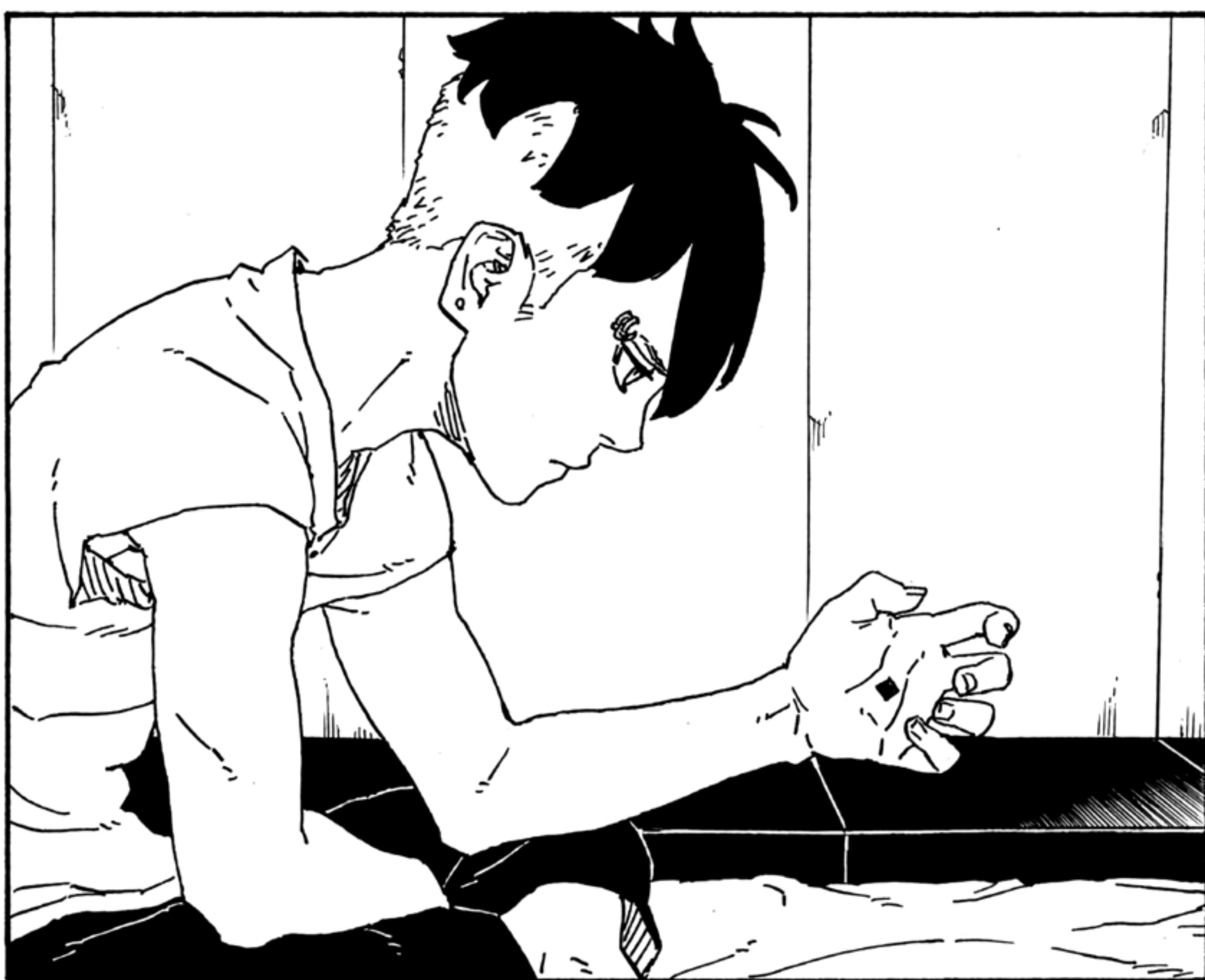


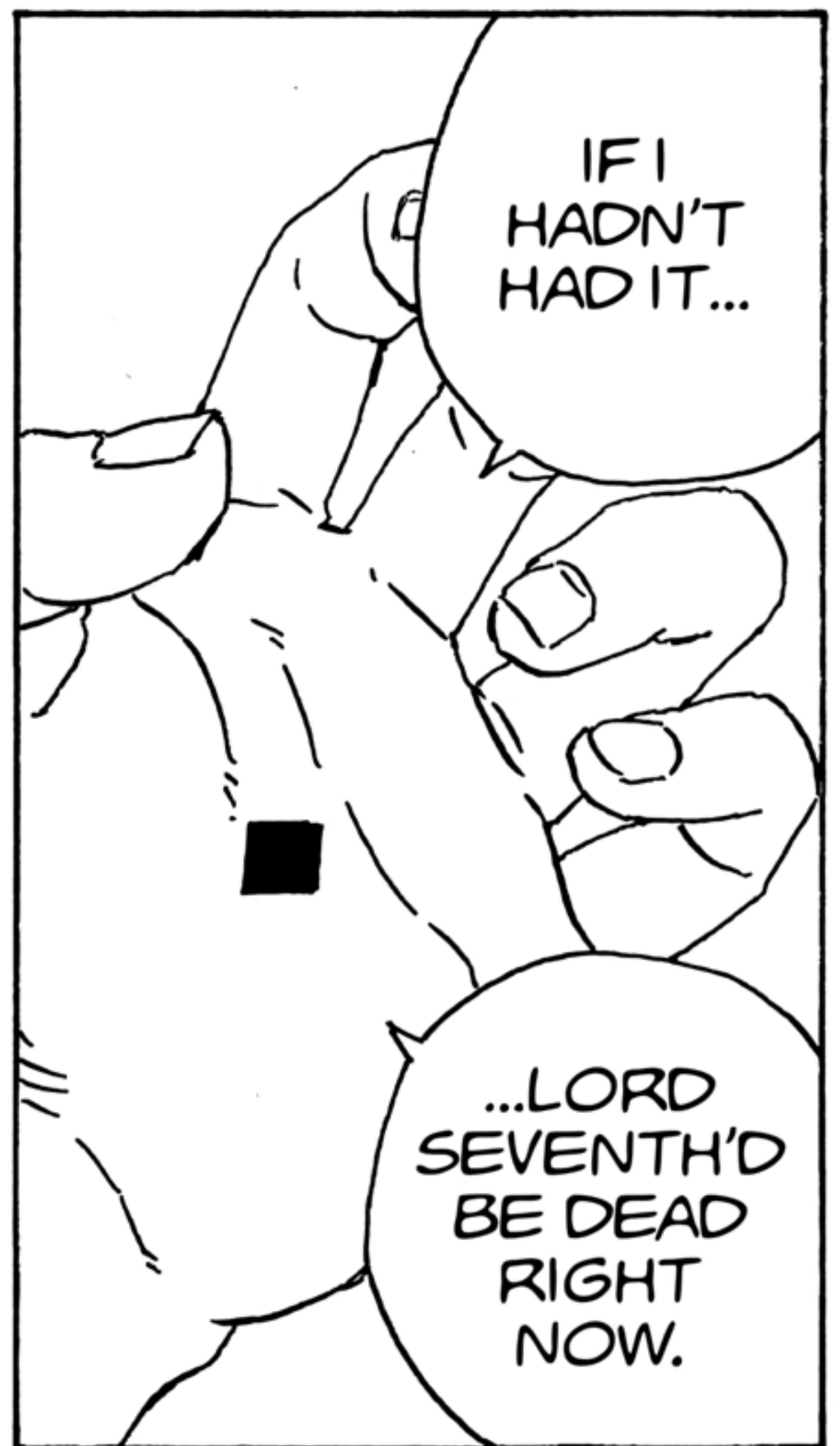
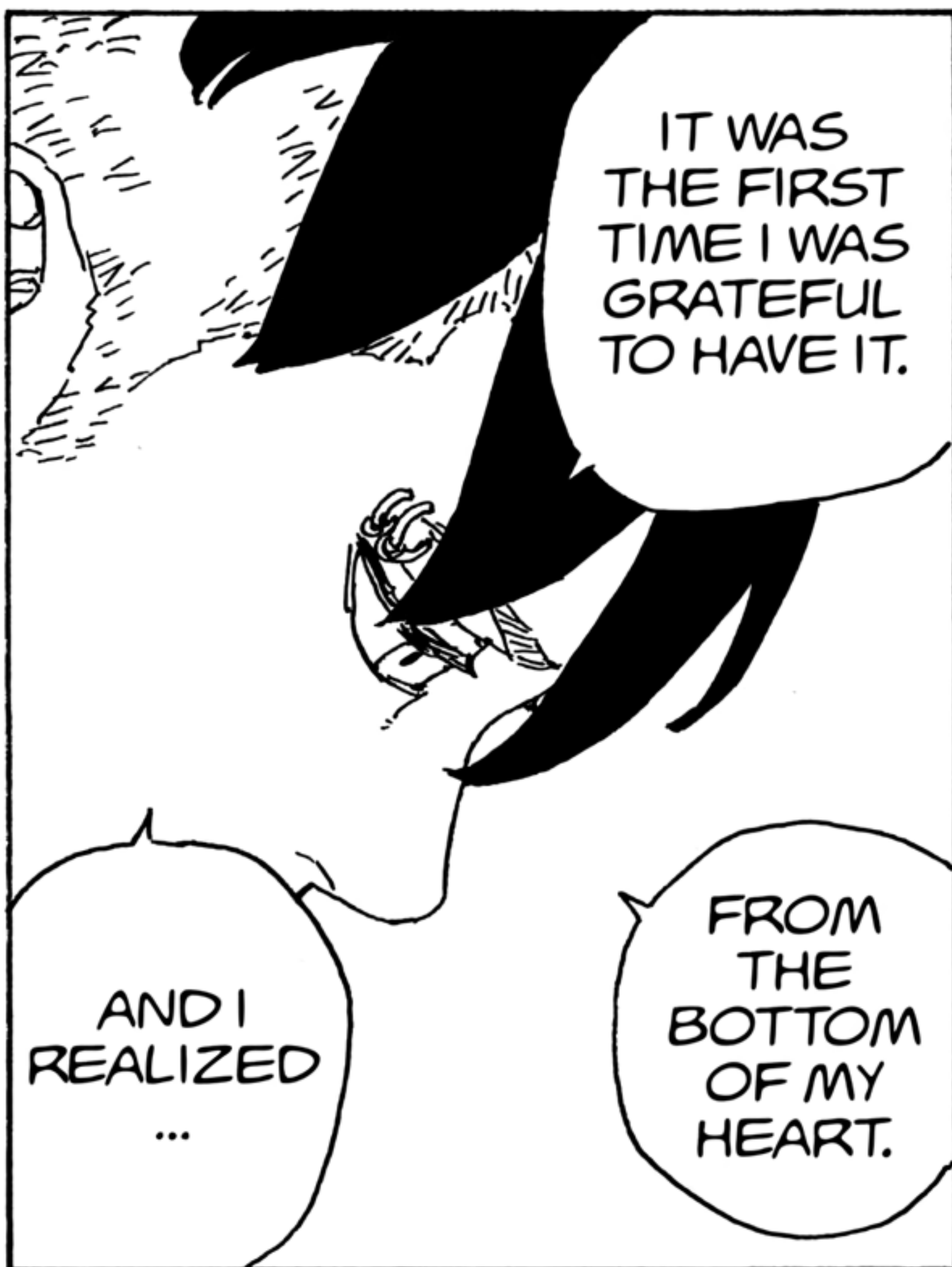
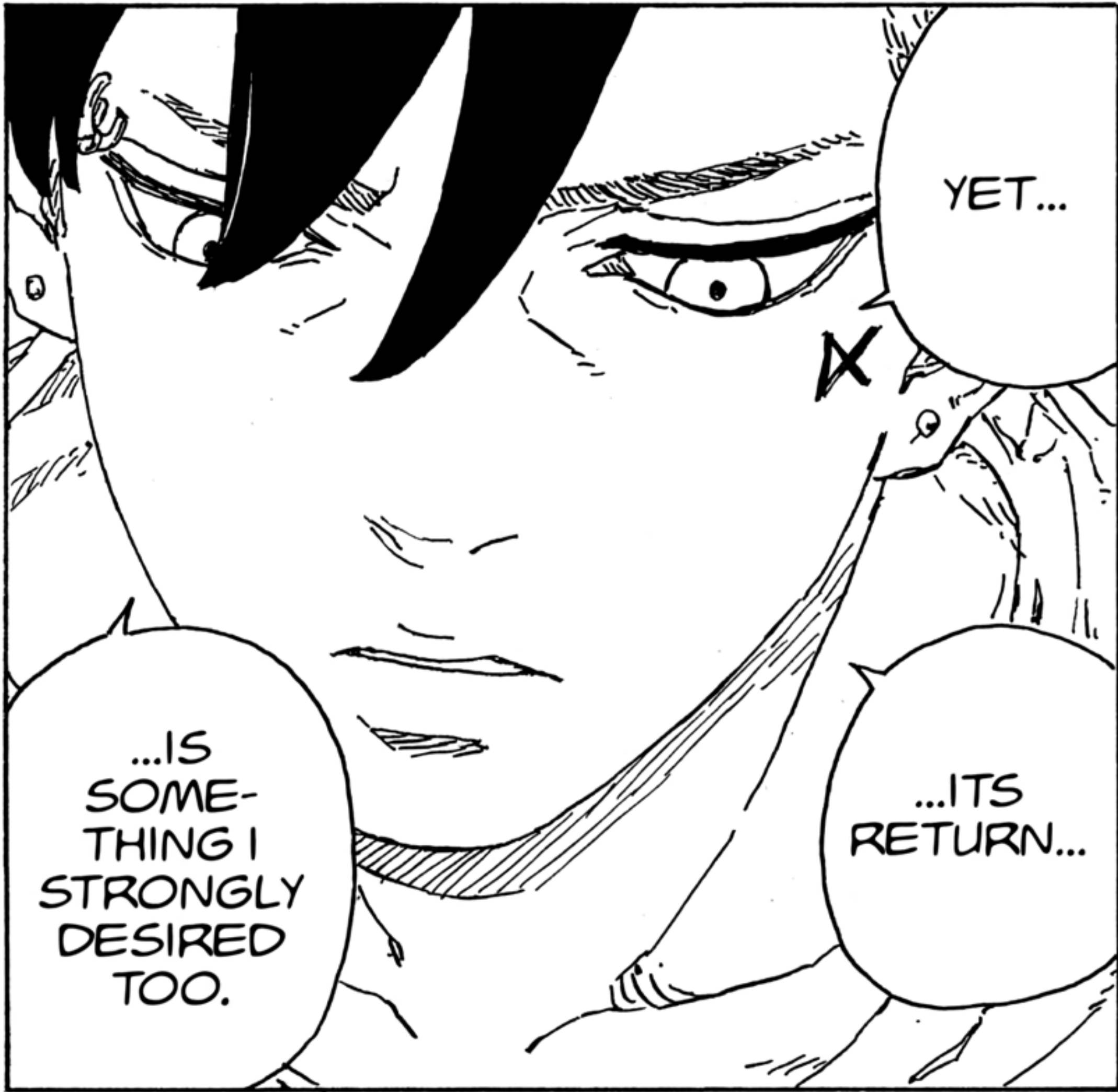


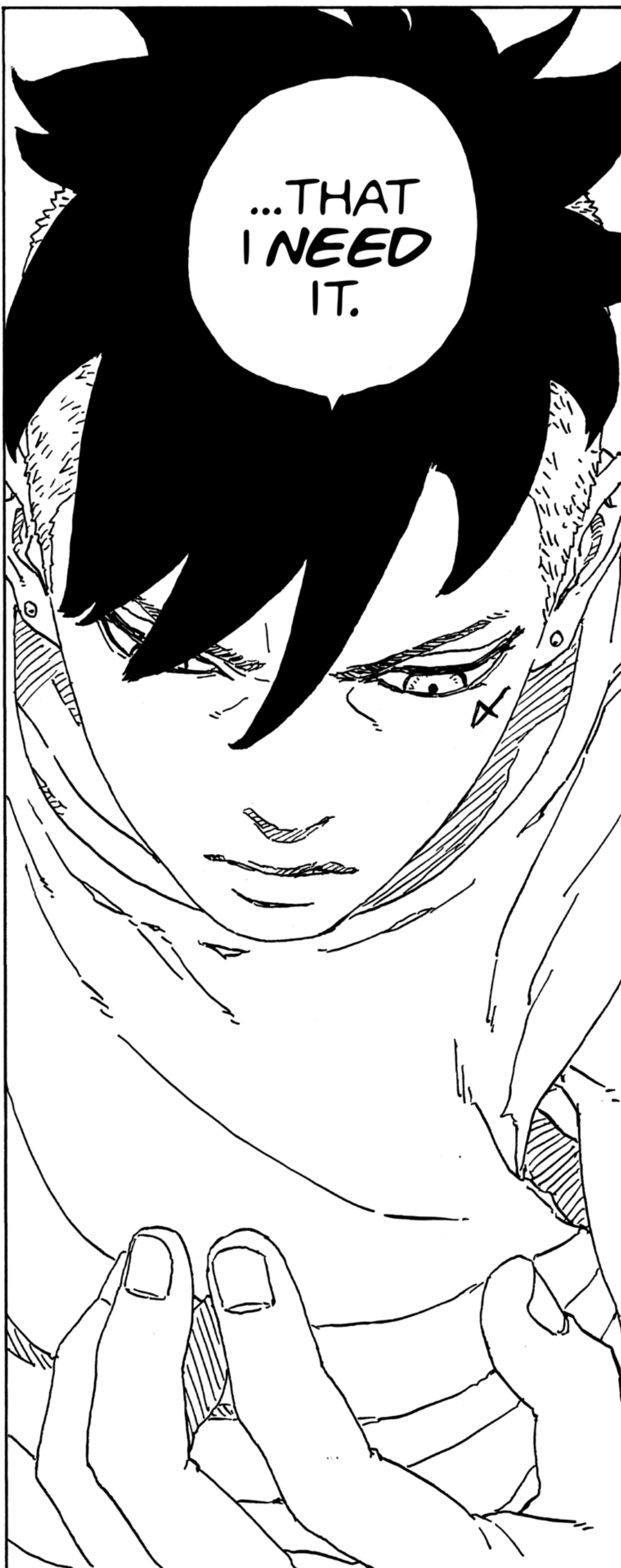
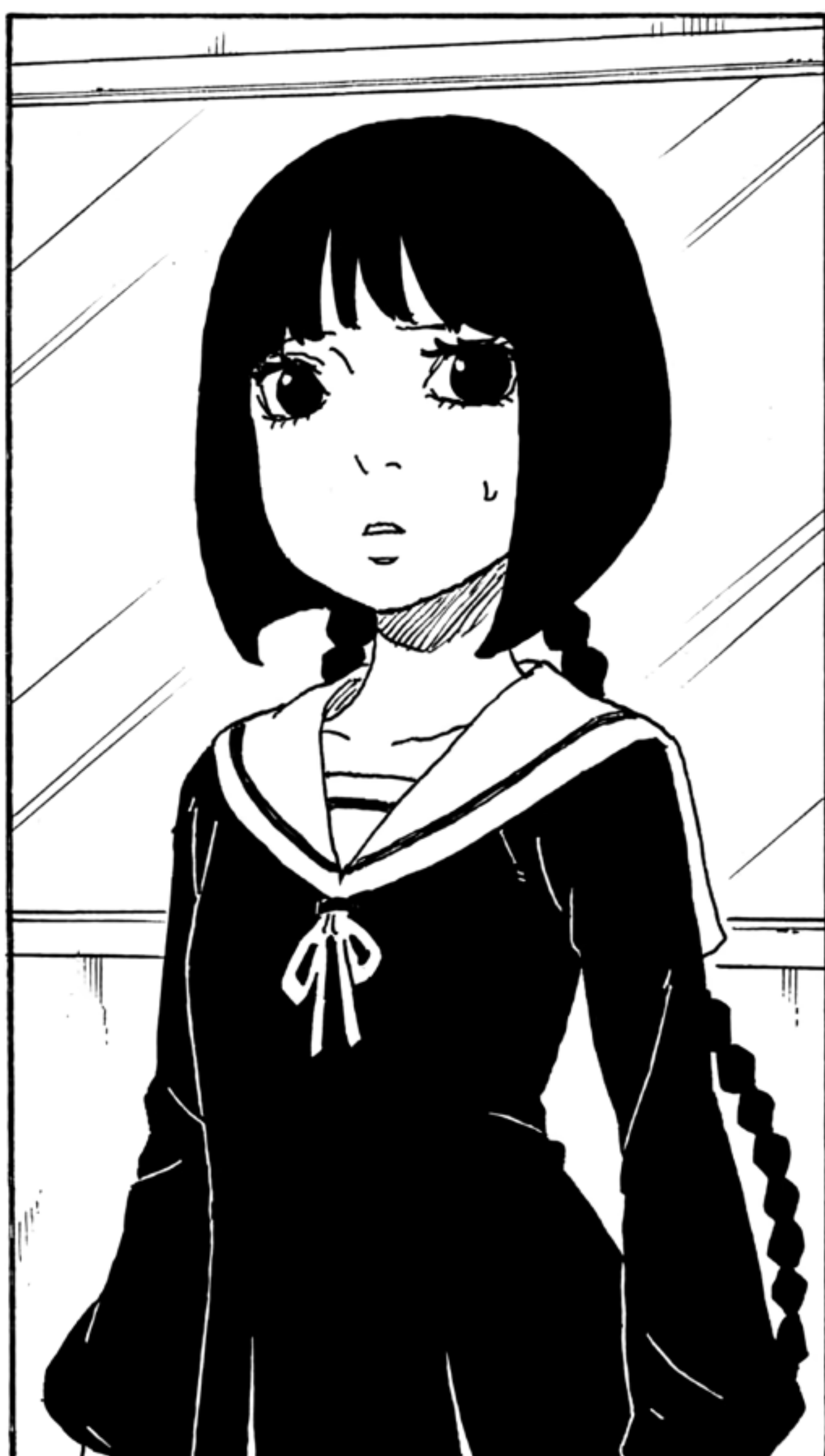


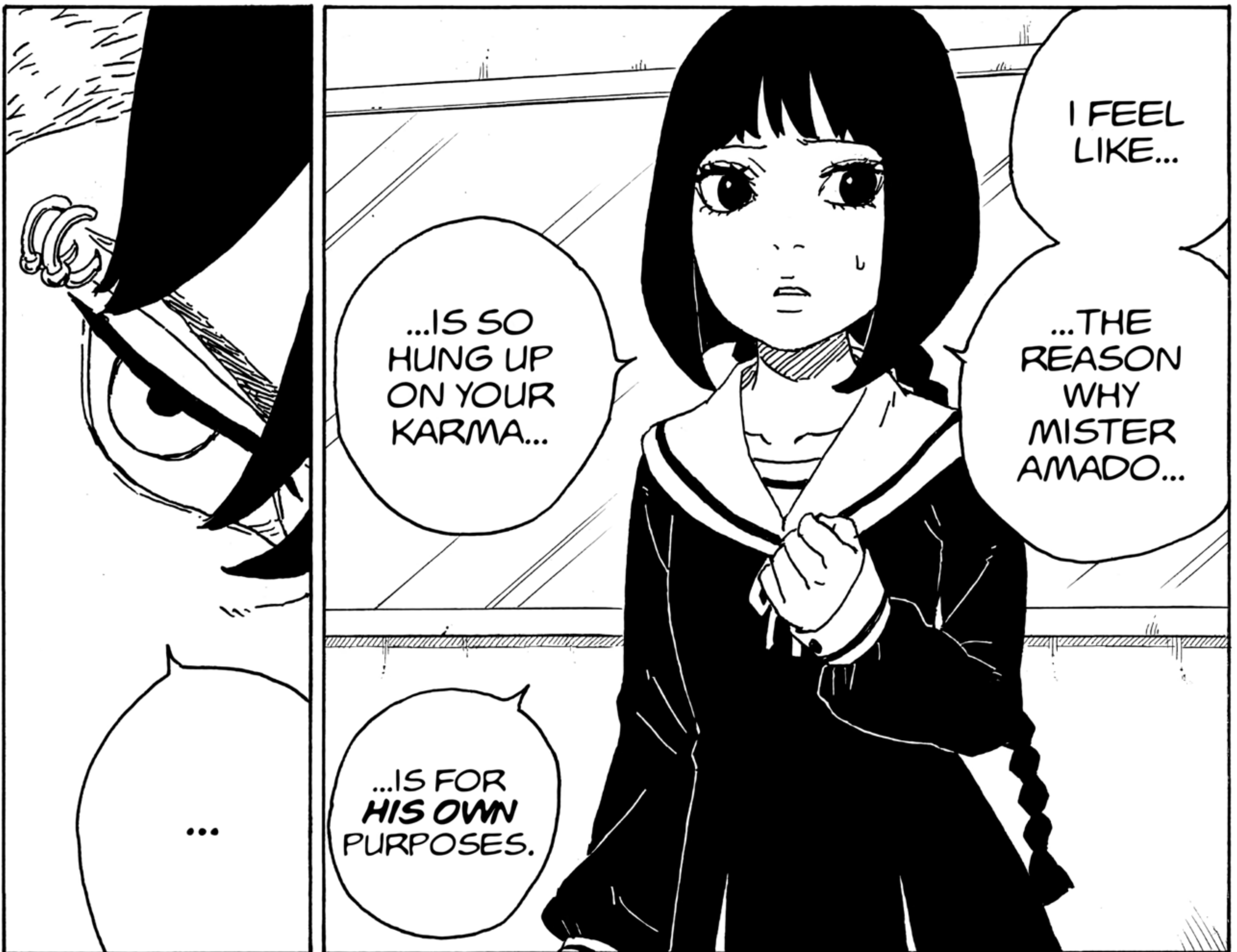
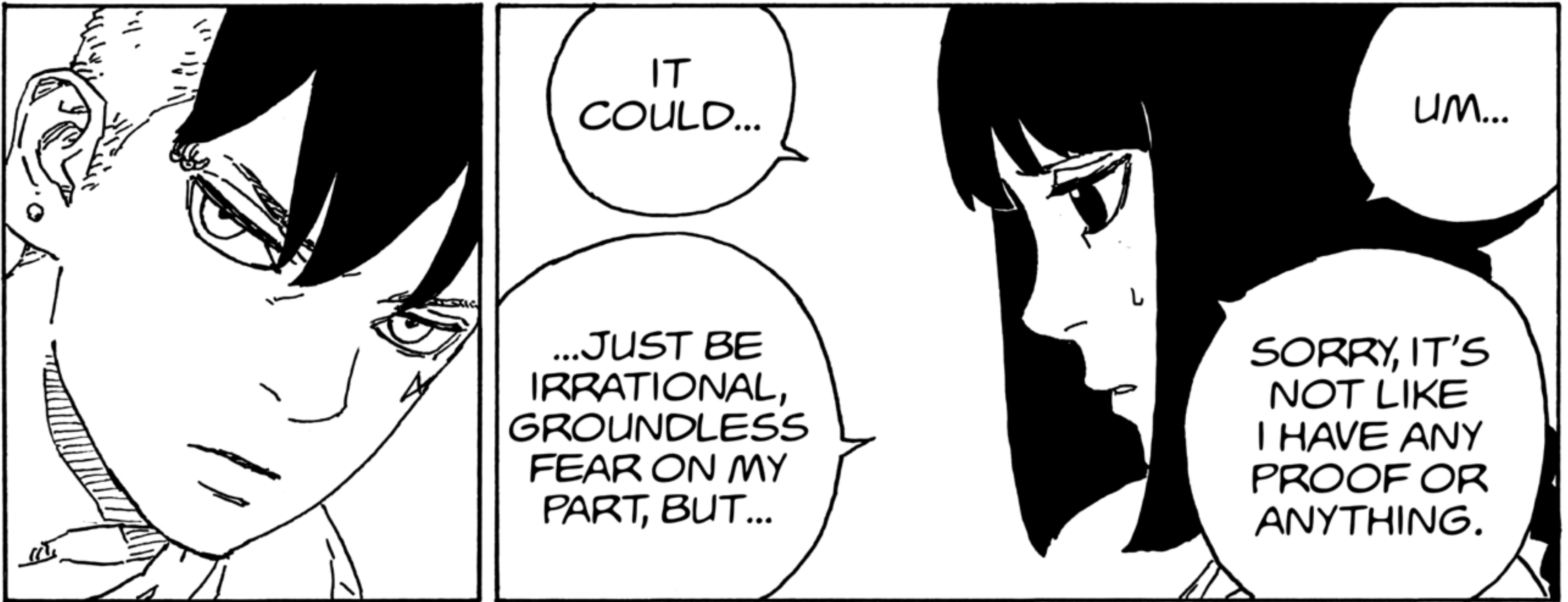


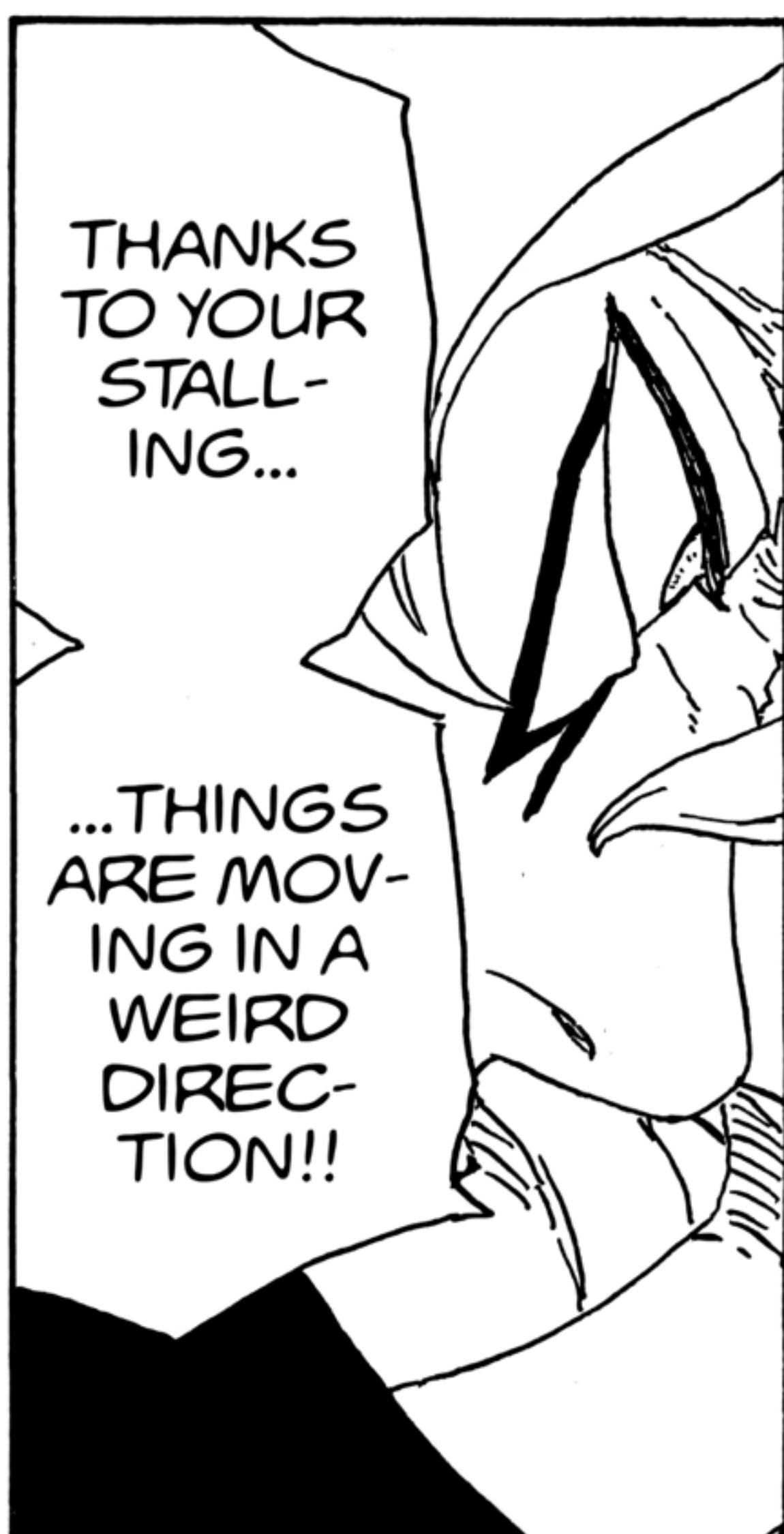


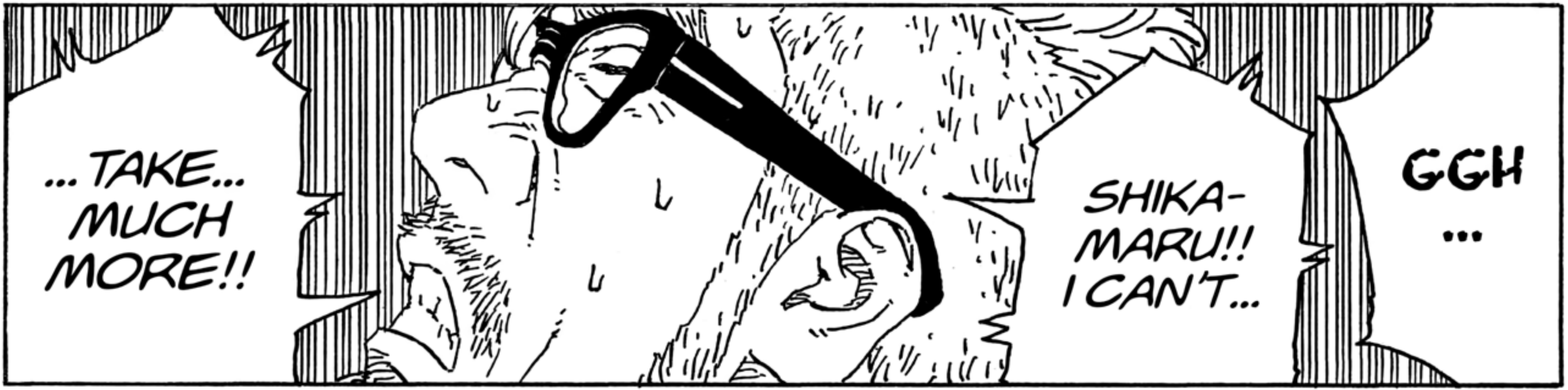








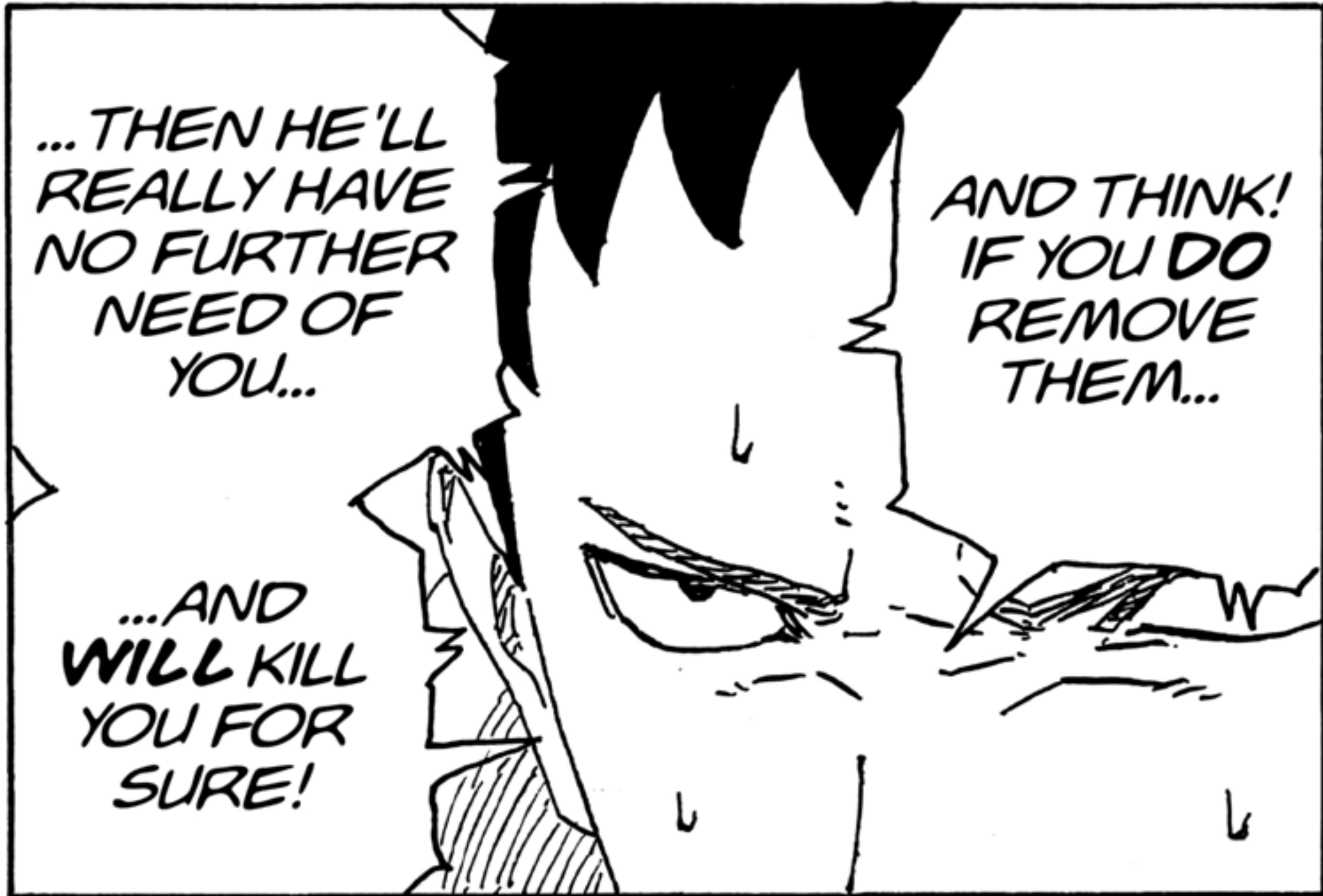




...TAKE...
MUCH
MORE!!

SHIKA-
MARU!!
I CAN'T...

GGH
...



...THEN HE'LL
REALLY HAVE
NO FURTHER
NEED OF
YOU...

AND THINK!
IF YOU DO
REMOVE
THEM...

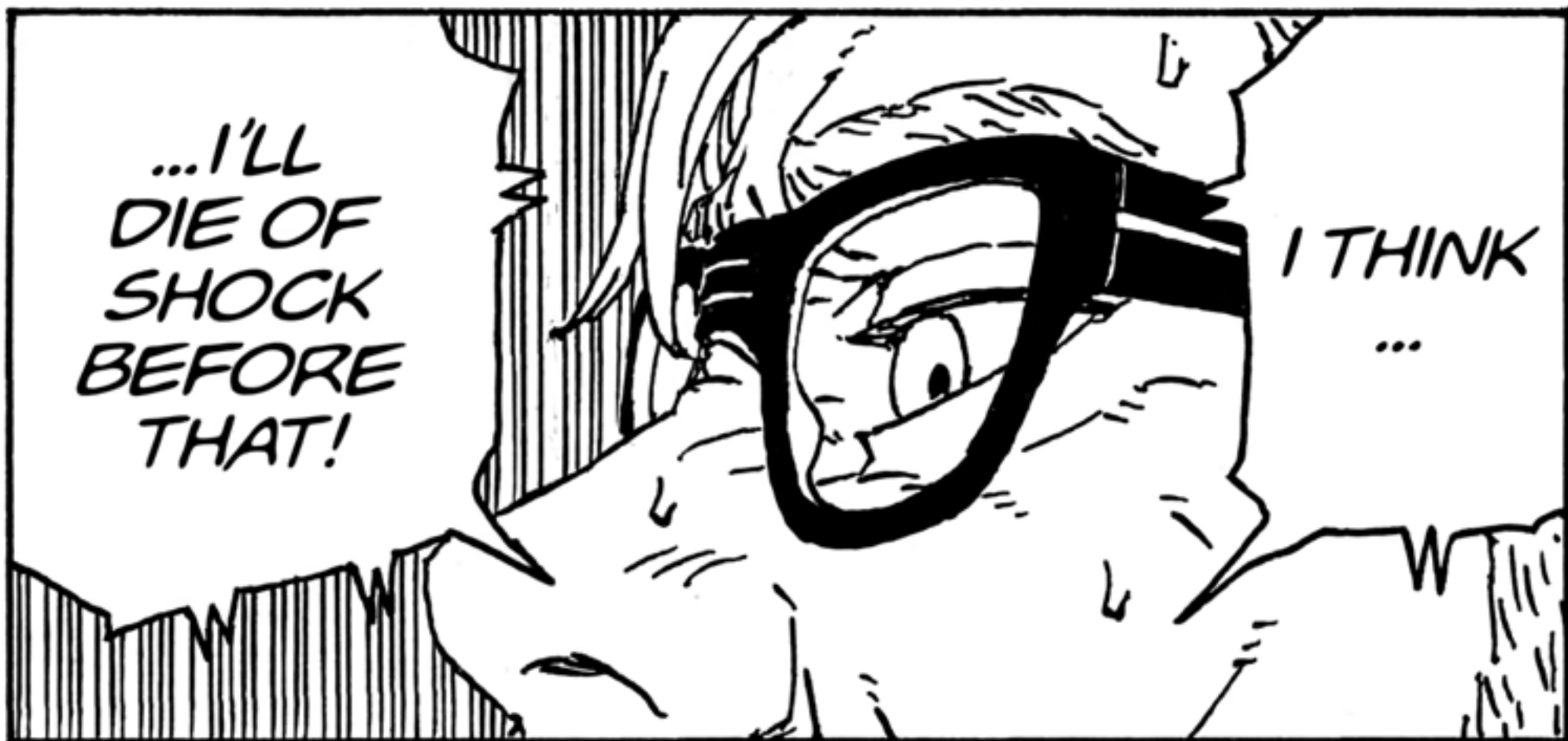
...AND
WILL KILL
YOU FOR
SURE!



HANG
IN THERE,
AMADO!!
HE WON'T
KILL YOU!

IF YOU
DIE NOW,
HE'LL NEVER
GET HIS
LIMITERS
RESCINDED.

HE'D
BE THE
ONE IN
TROUBLE!

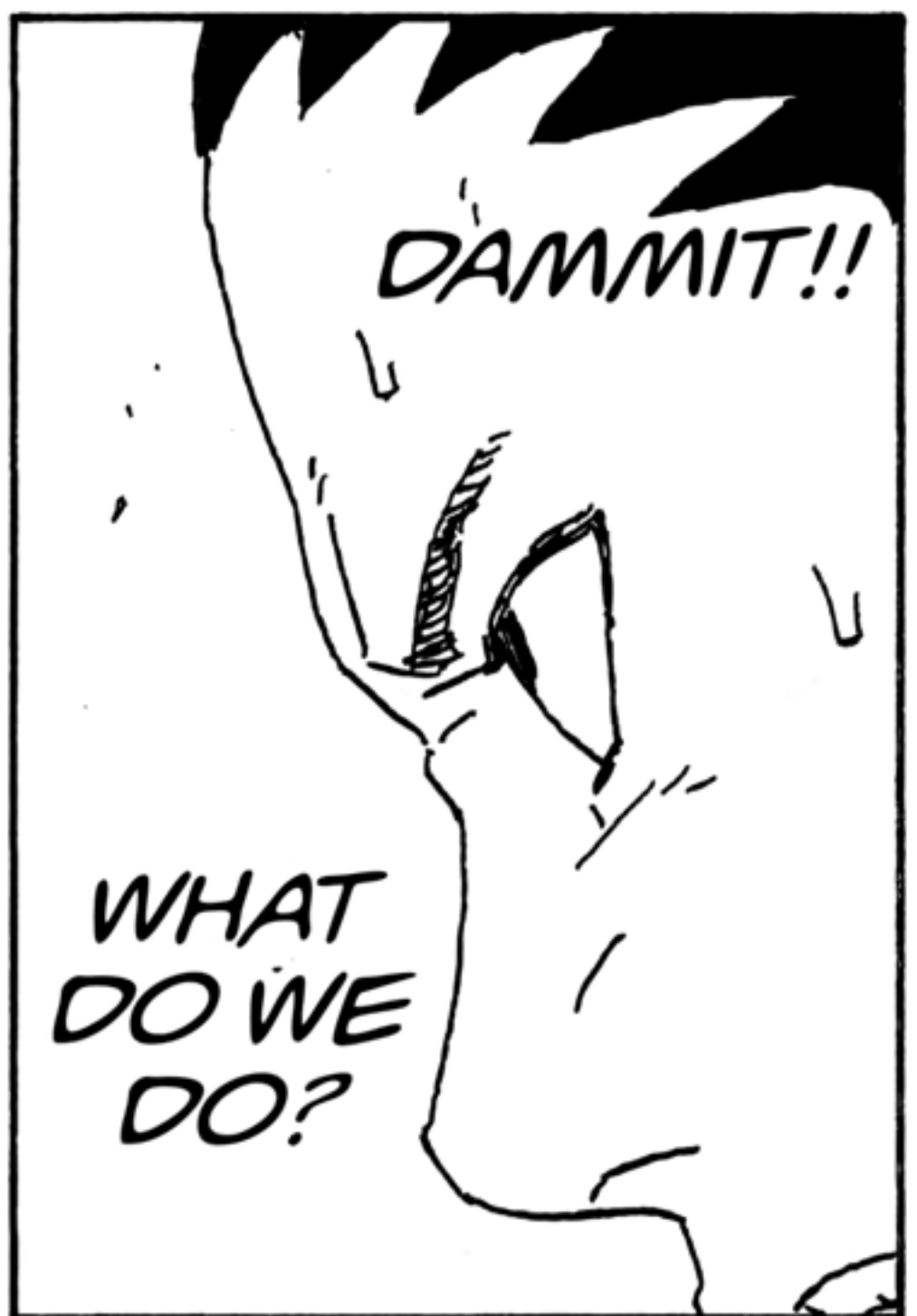


...I'LL
DIE OF
SHOCK
BEFORE
THAT!

I THINK
...



FLICK

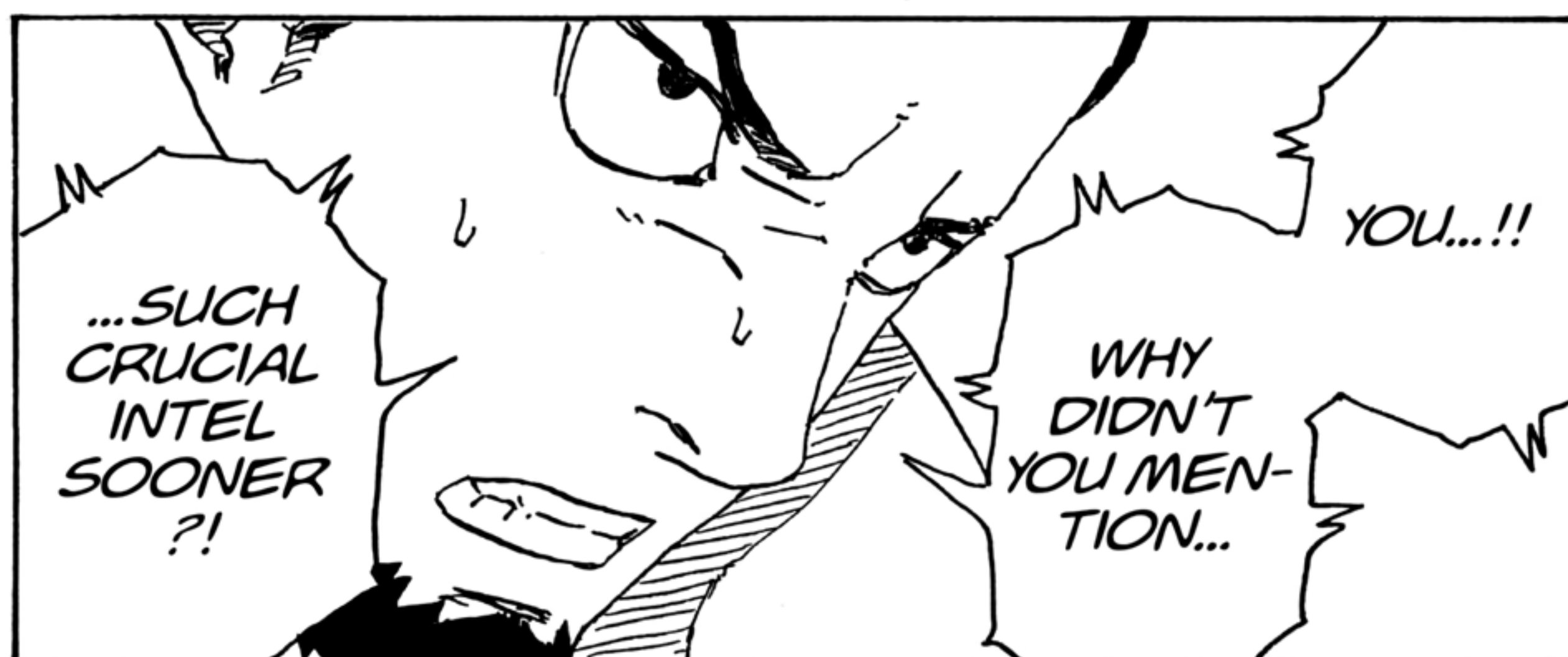
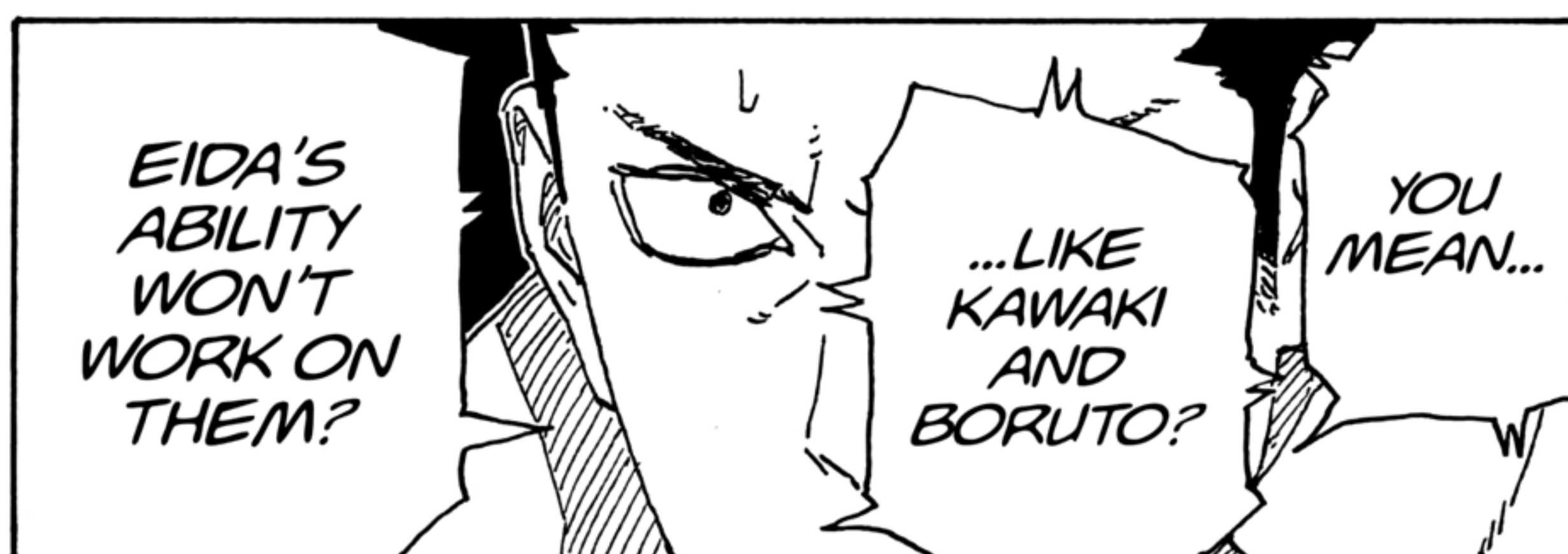
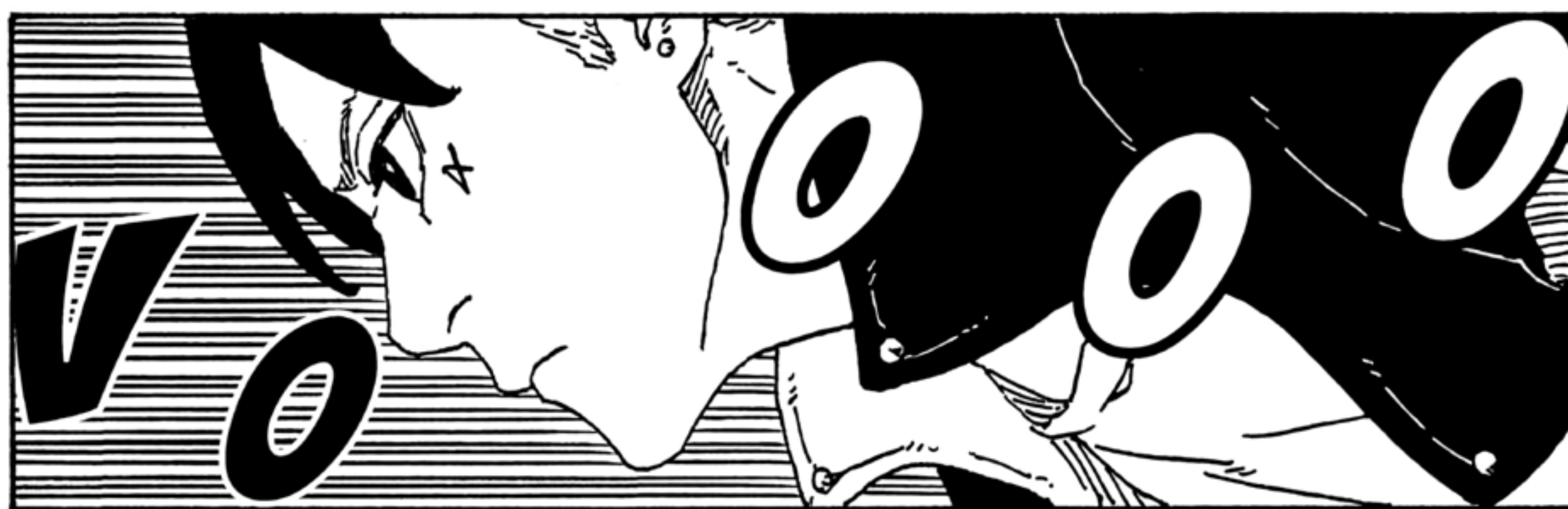
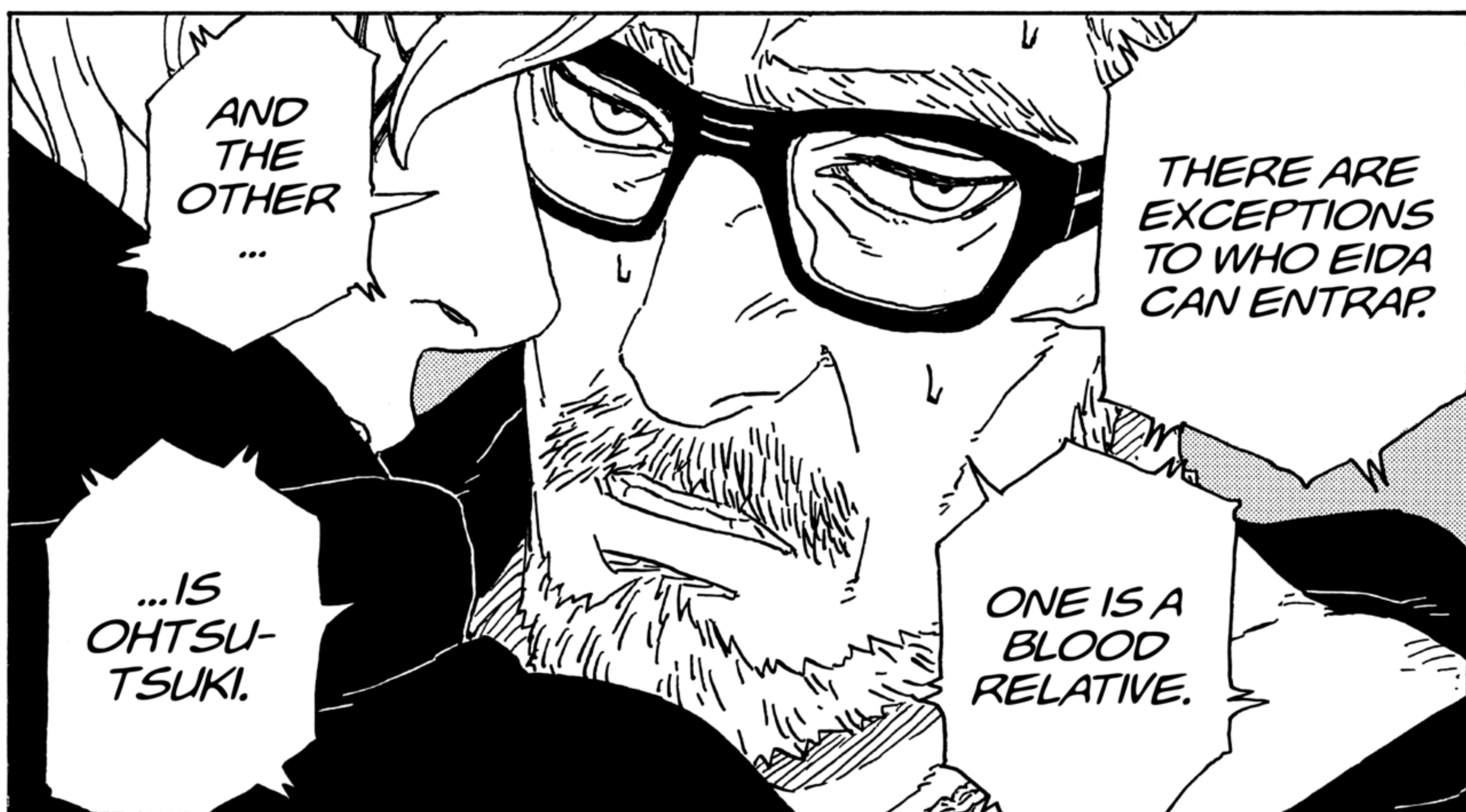


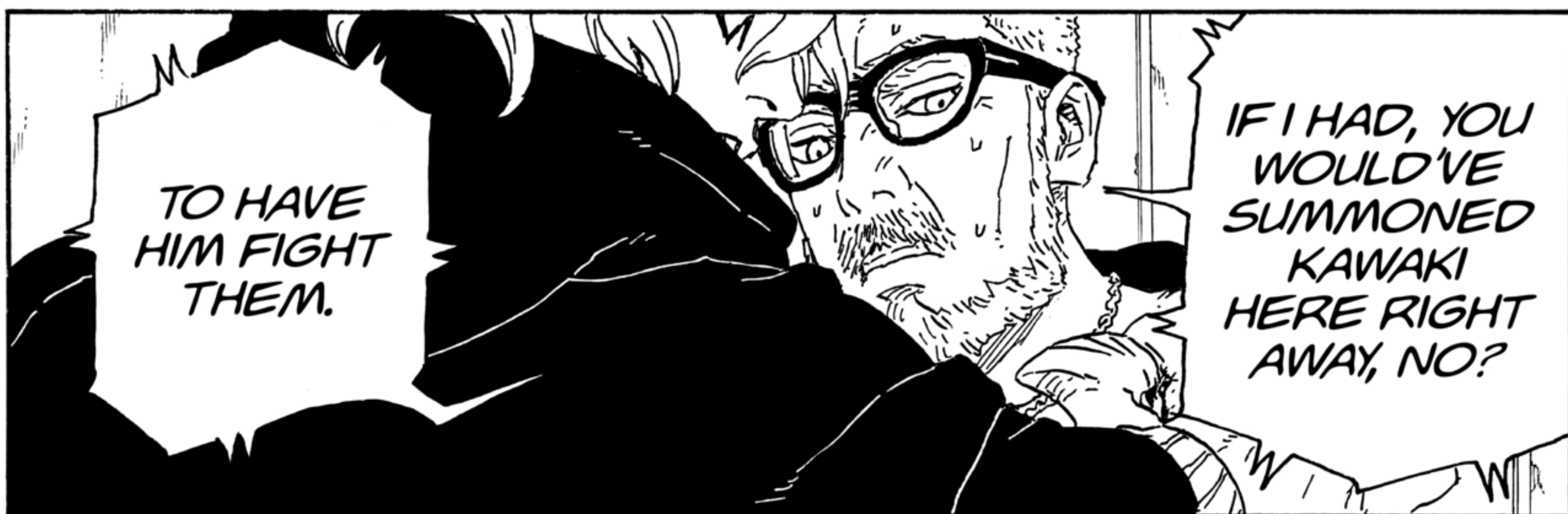
DAMMIT!!

WHAT
DO WE
DO?



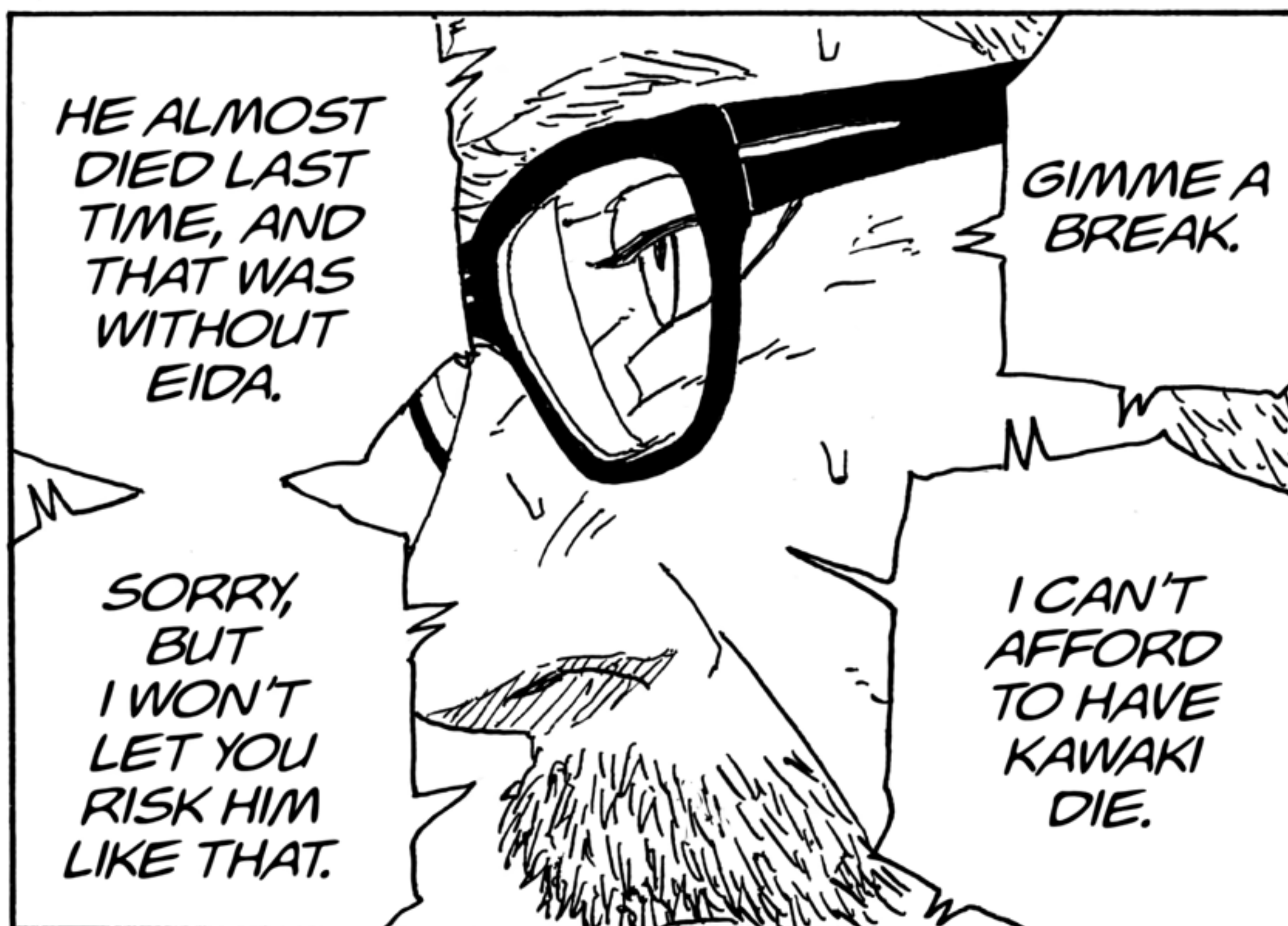






TO HAVE
HIM FIGHT
THEM.

IF I HAD, YOU
WOULD'VE
SUMMONED
KAWAKI
HERE RIGHT
AWAY, NO?



HE ALMOST
DIED LAST
TIME, AND
THAT WAS
WITHOUT
EIDA.

GIMME A
BREAK.

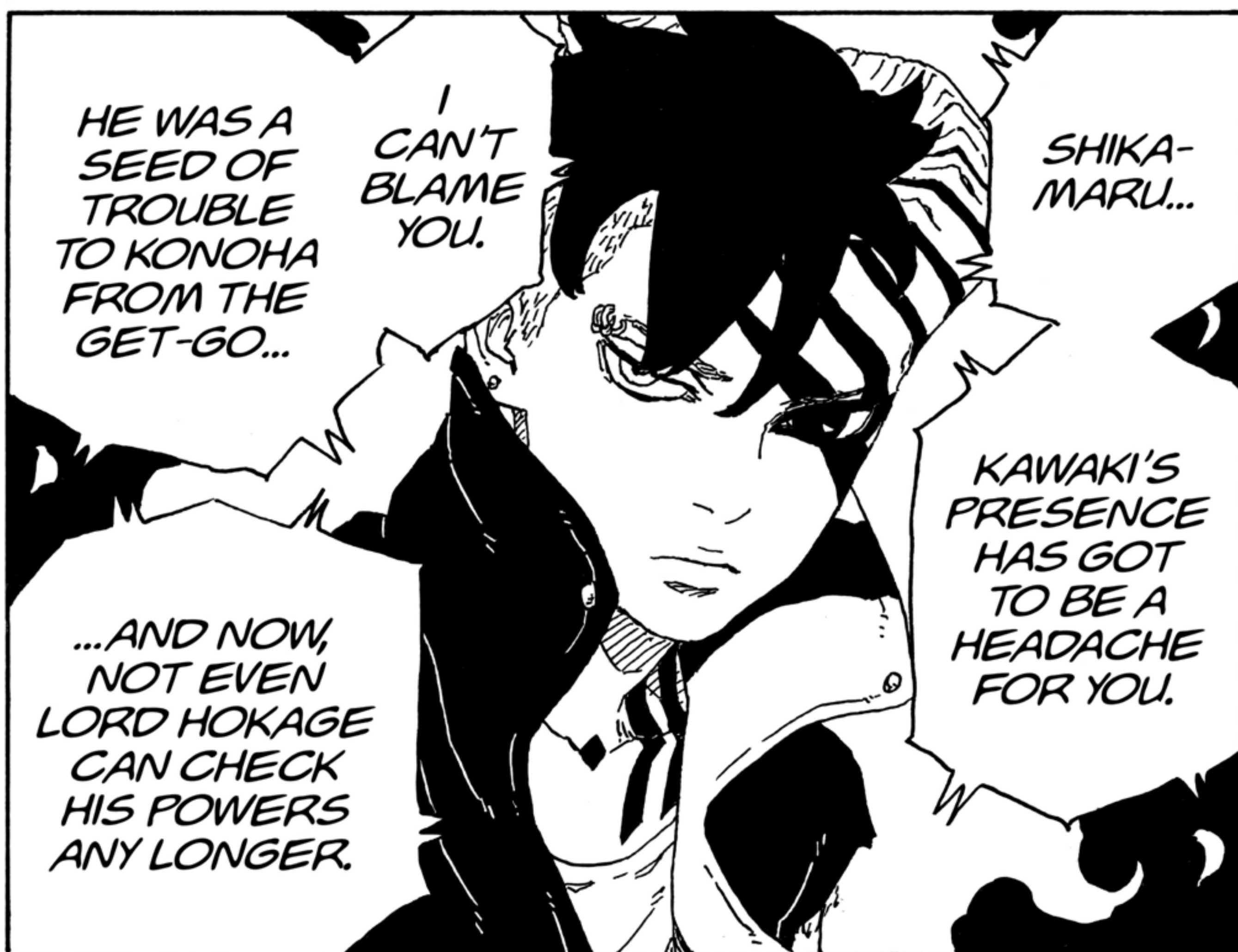
SORRY,
BUT
I WON'T
LET YOU
RISK HIM
LIKE THAT.

I CAN'T
AFFORD
TO HAVE
KAWAKI
DIE.



WOULDN'T
THAT BE
THE BEST
MOVE
FOR THIS
SITUATION
WE'RE IN?

AND
WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
THAT?



HE WAS A
SEED OF
TROUBLE
TO KONOHA
FROM THE
GET-GO...

I
CAN'T
BLAME
YOU.

SHIKA-
MARU...

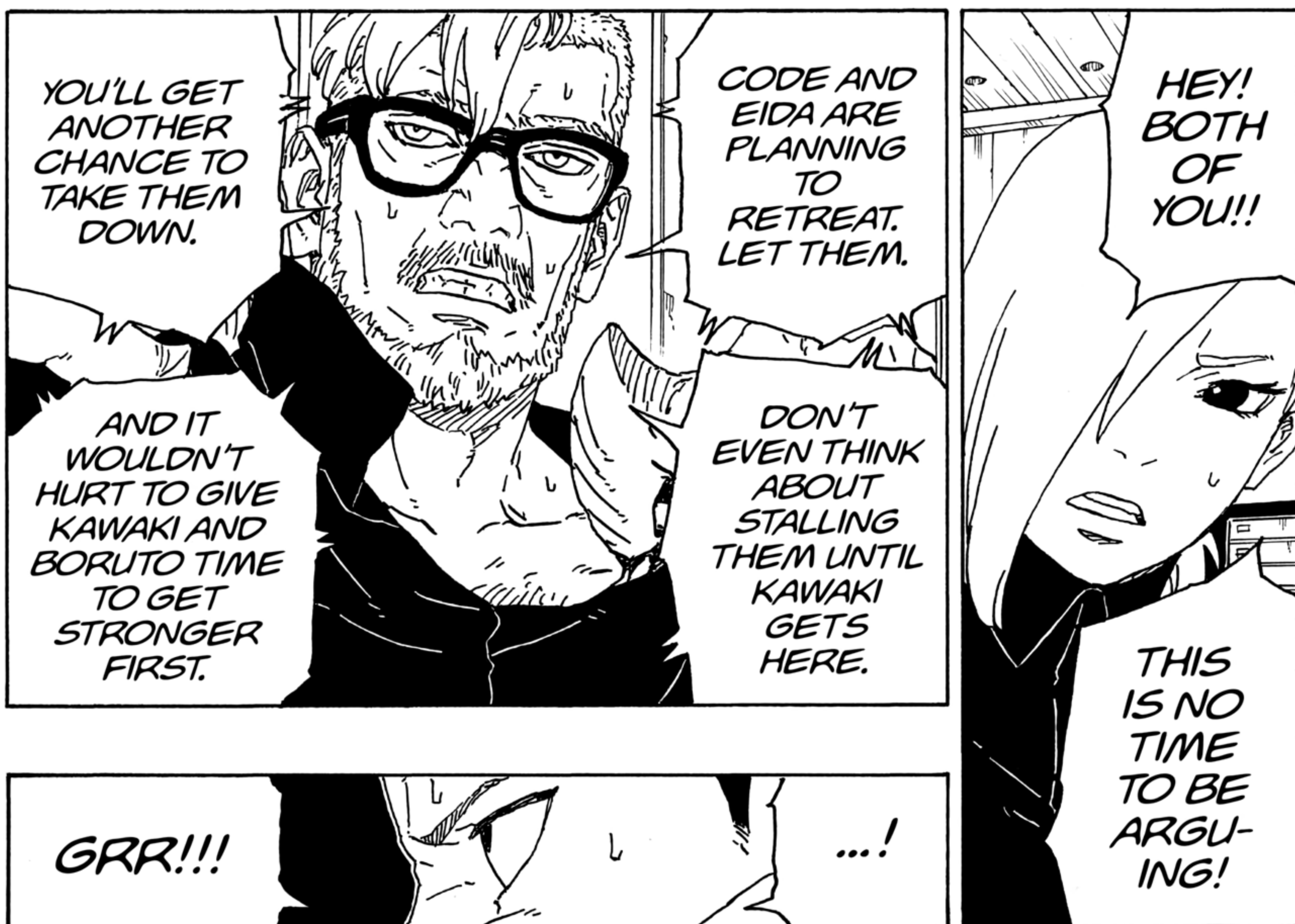
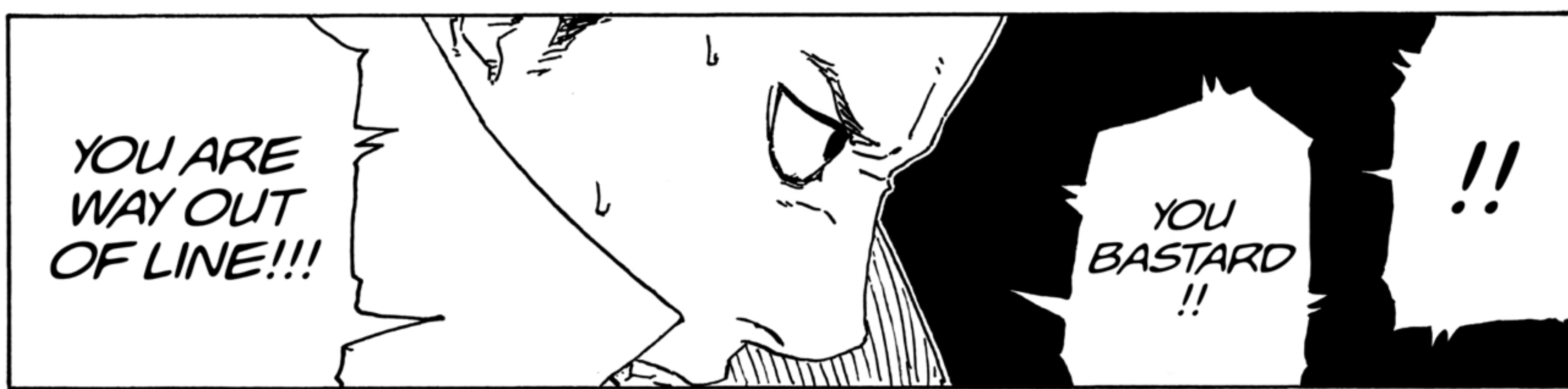
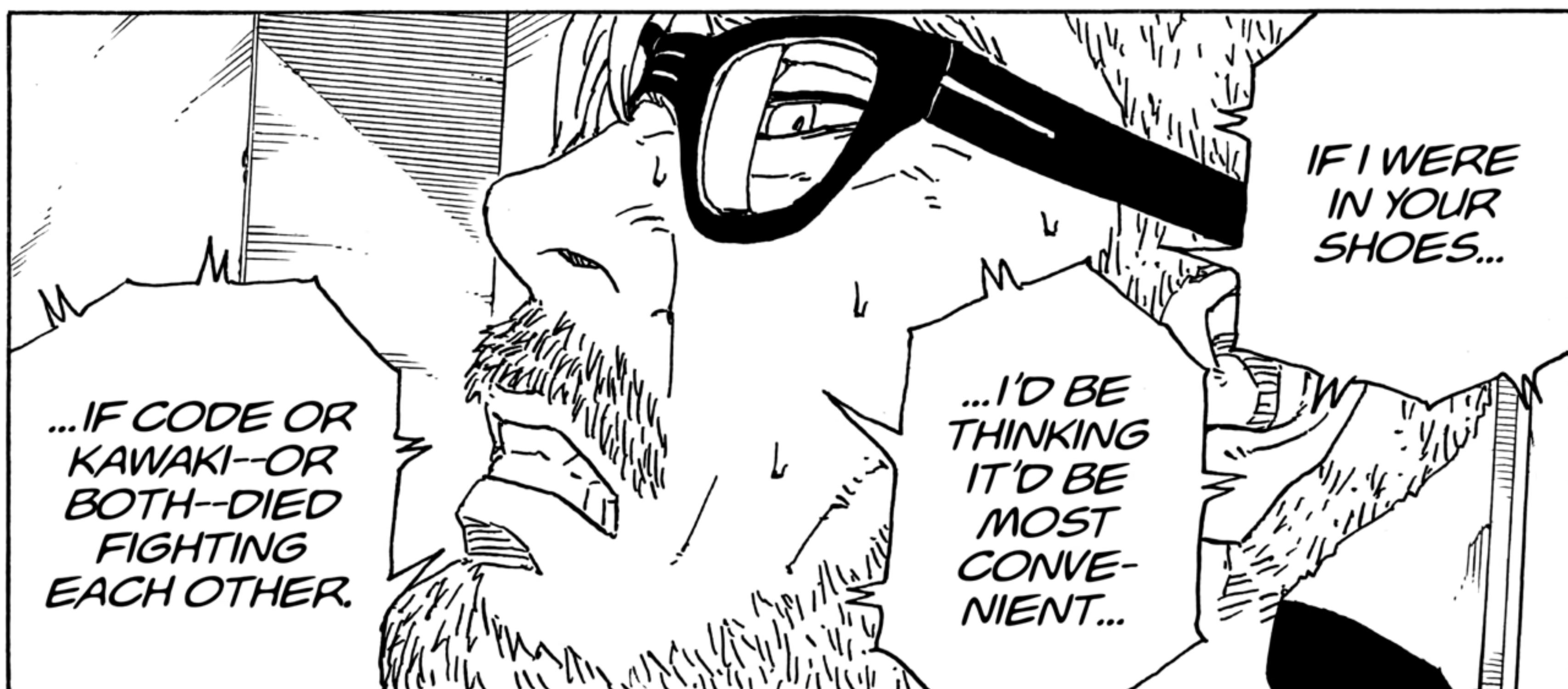
...AND NOW,
NOT EVEN
LORD HOKAGE
CAN CHECK
HIS POWERS
ANY LONGER.

KAWAKI'S
PRESENCE
HAS GOT
TO BE A
HEADACHE
FOR YOU.

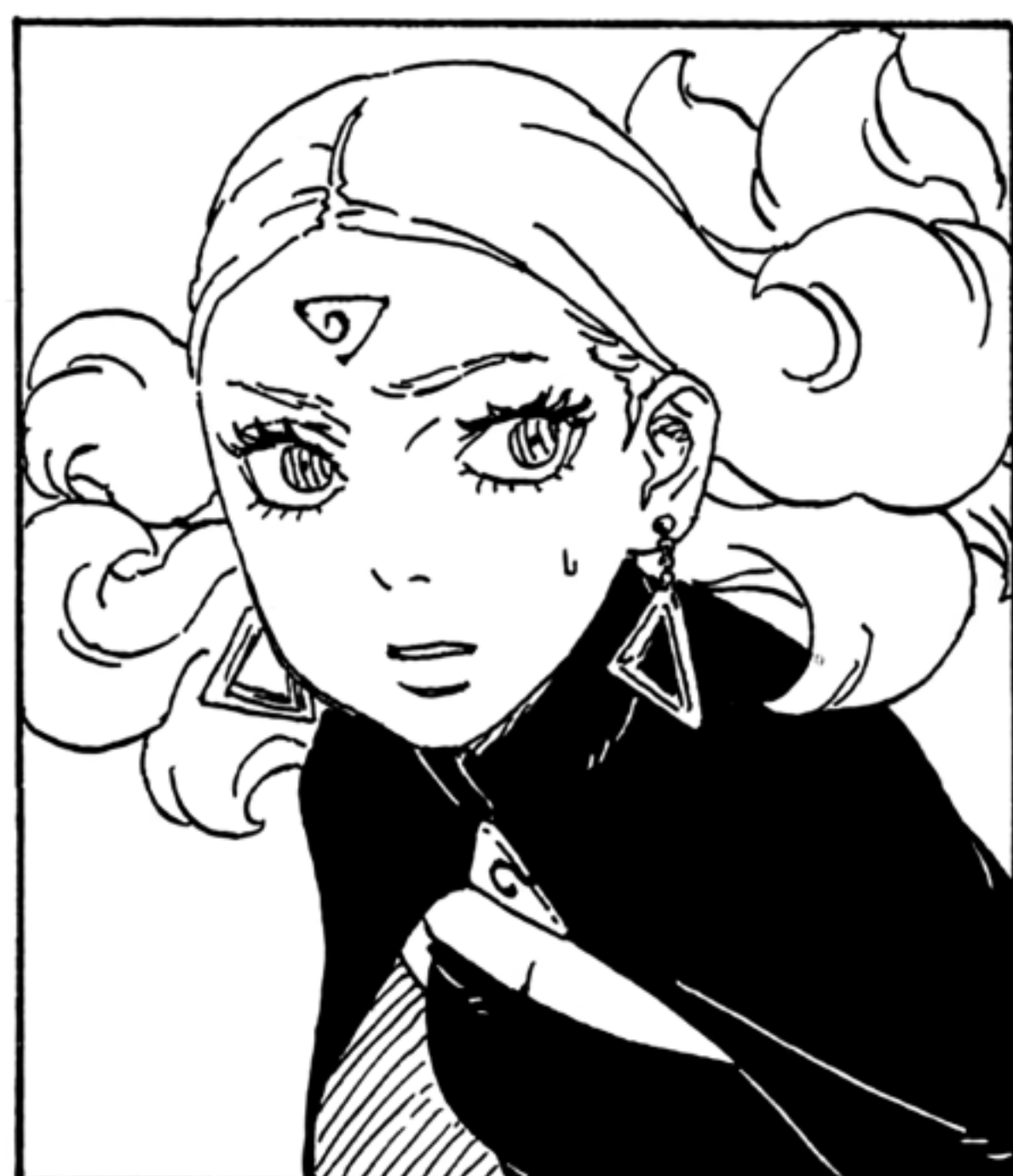


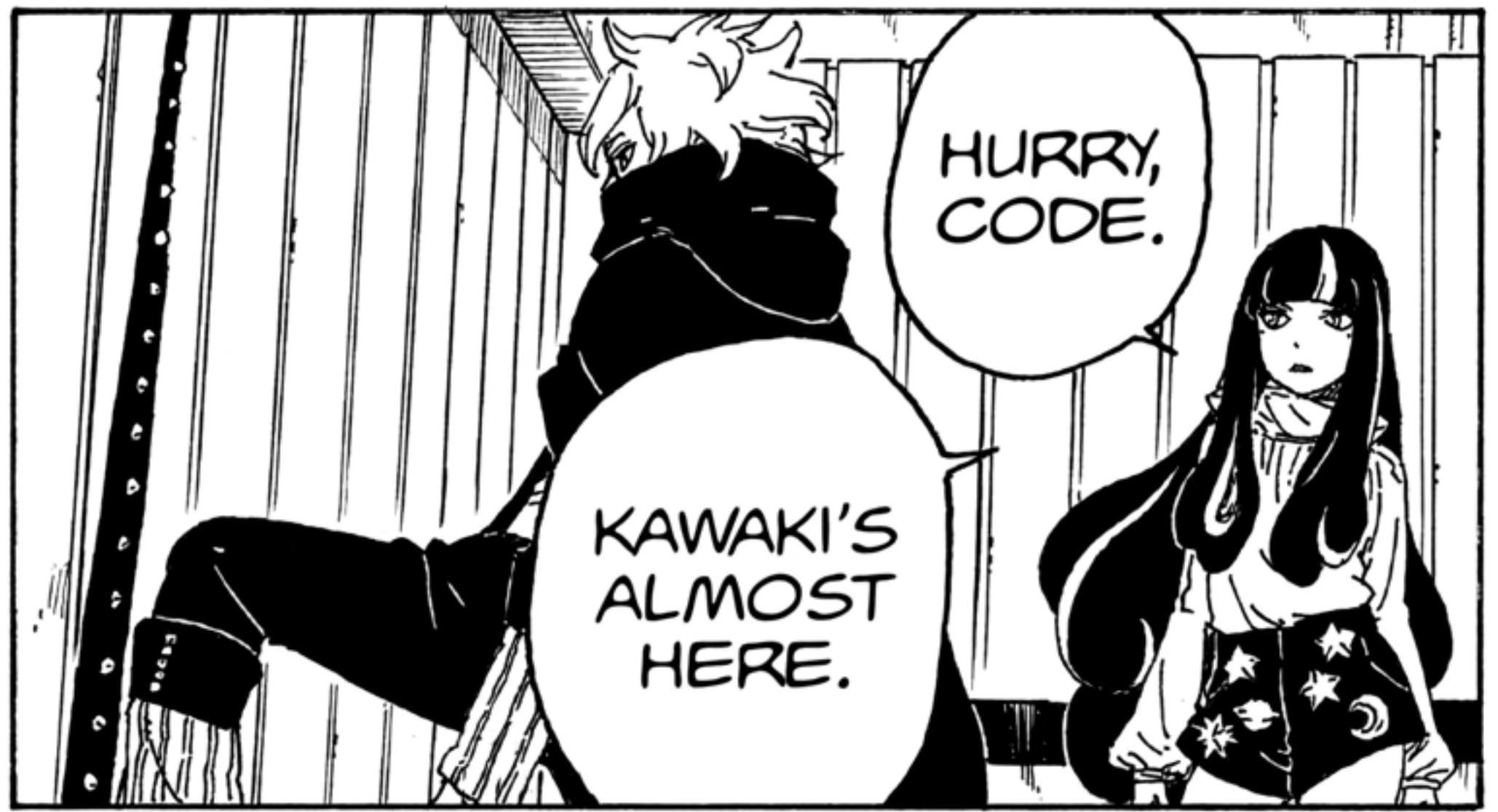
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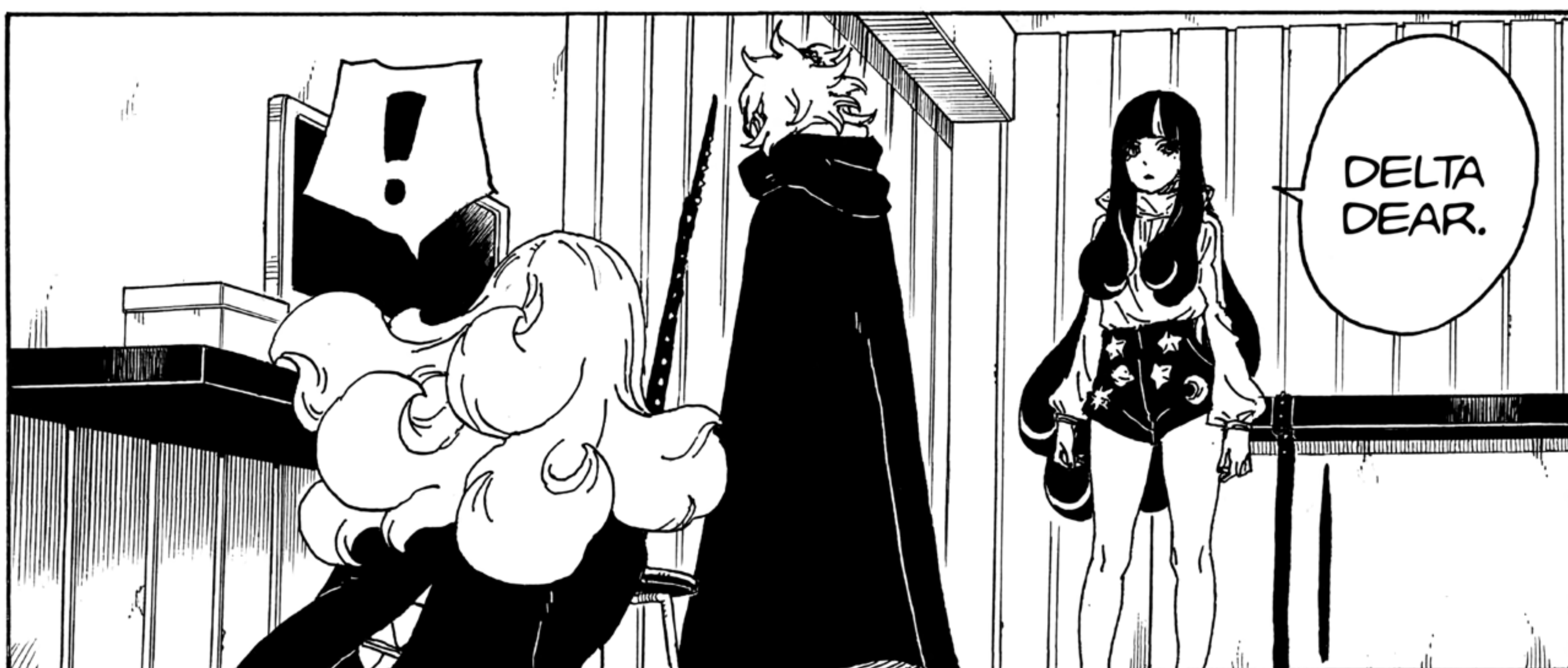
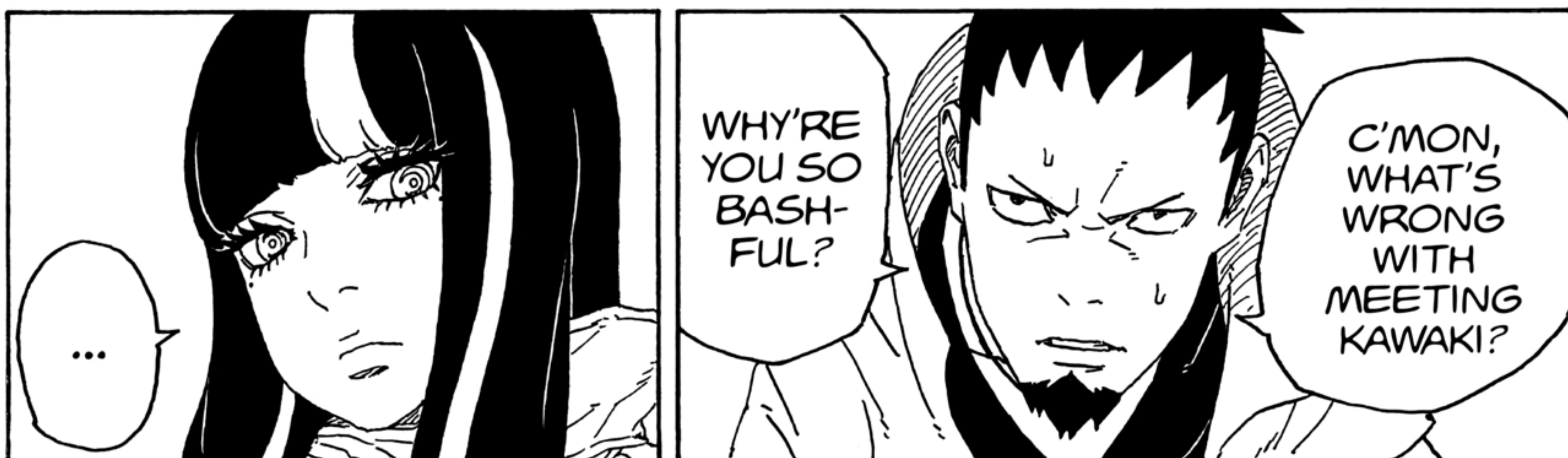
WHAT'RE
YOU
SAYING?

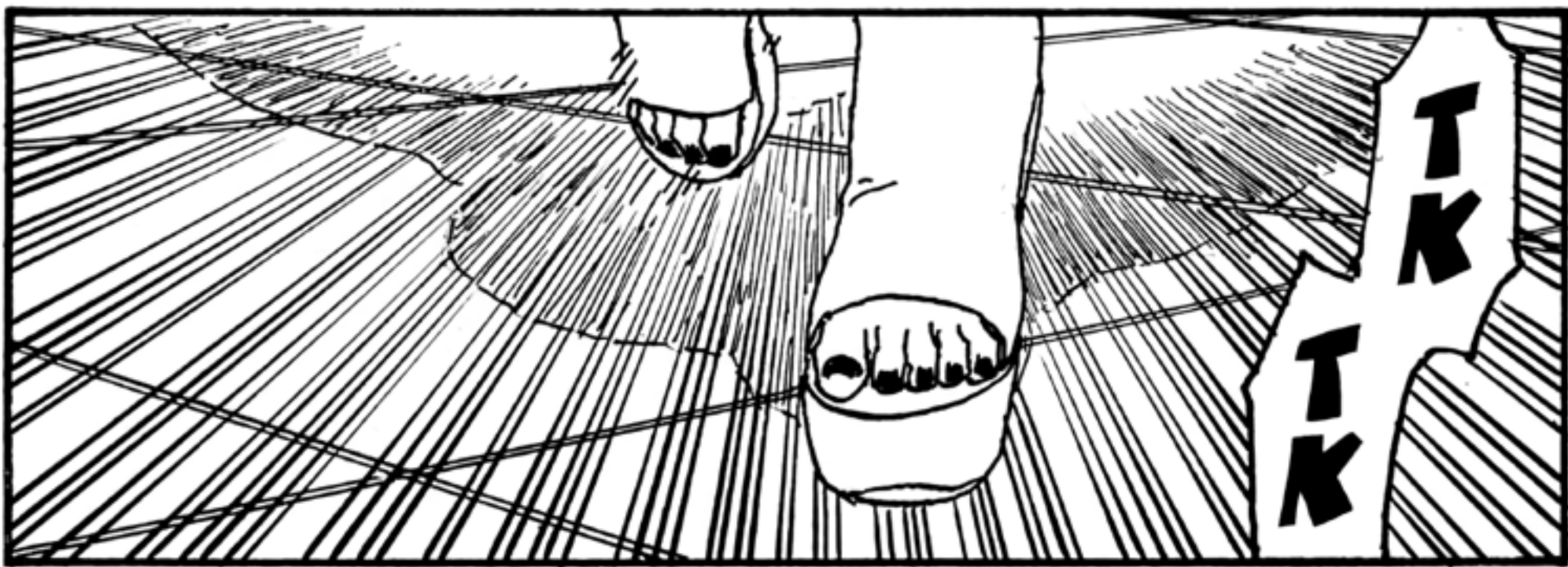
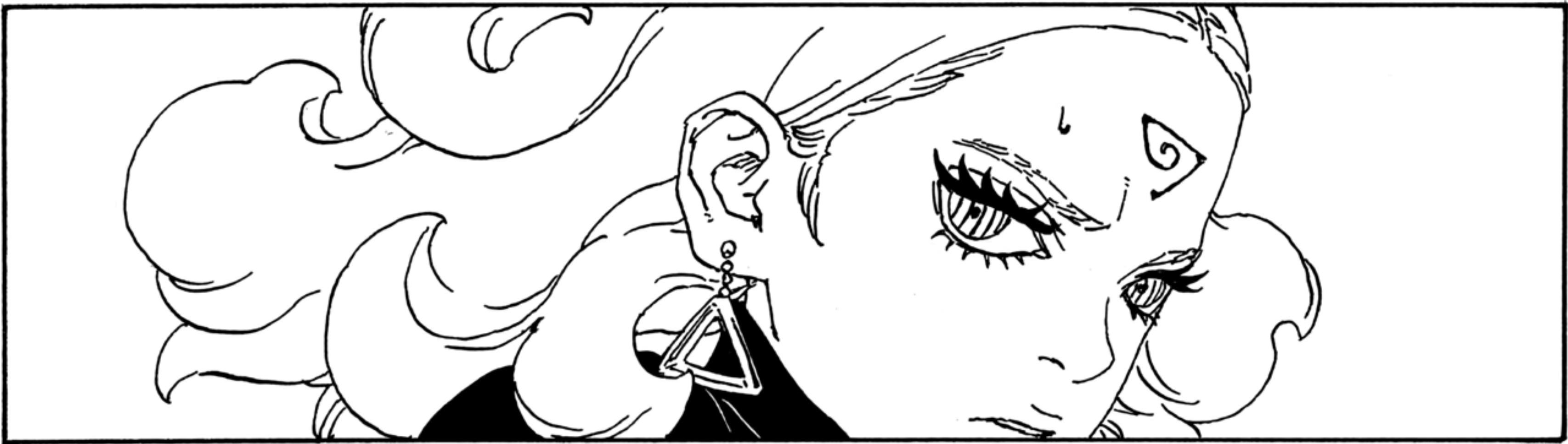


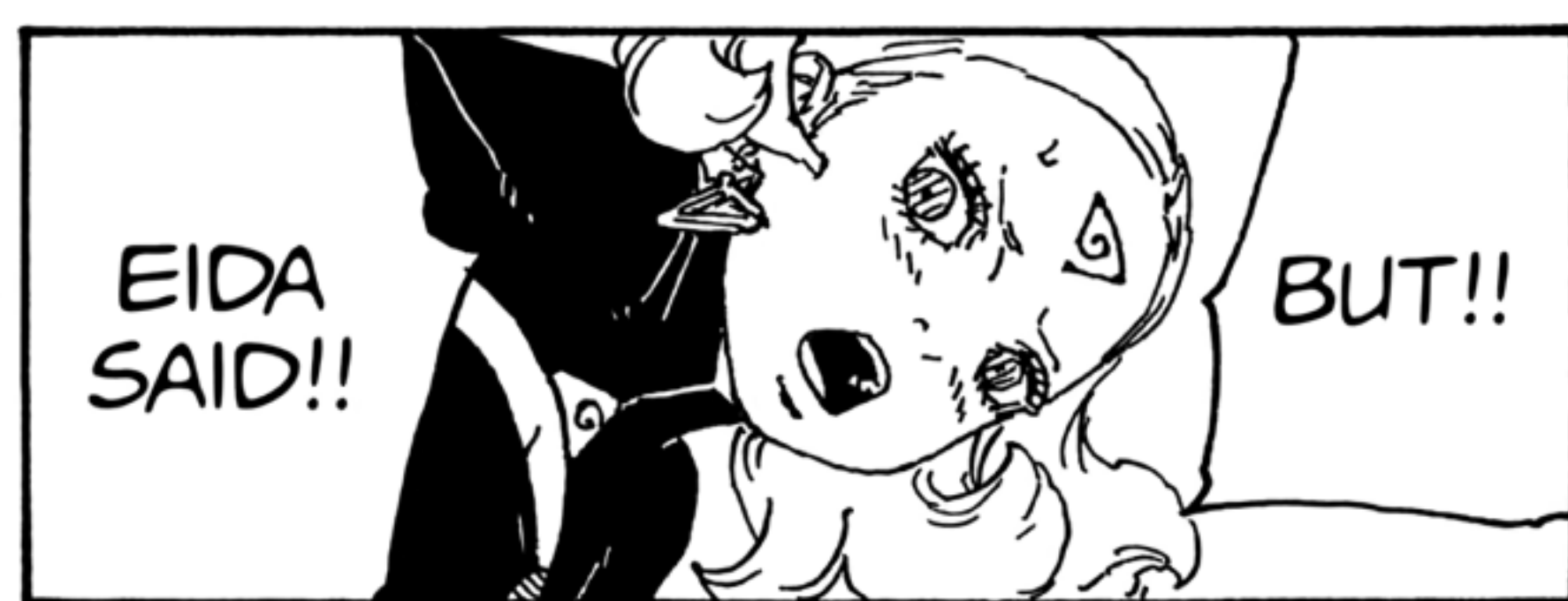
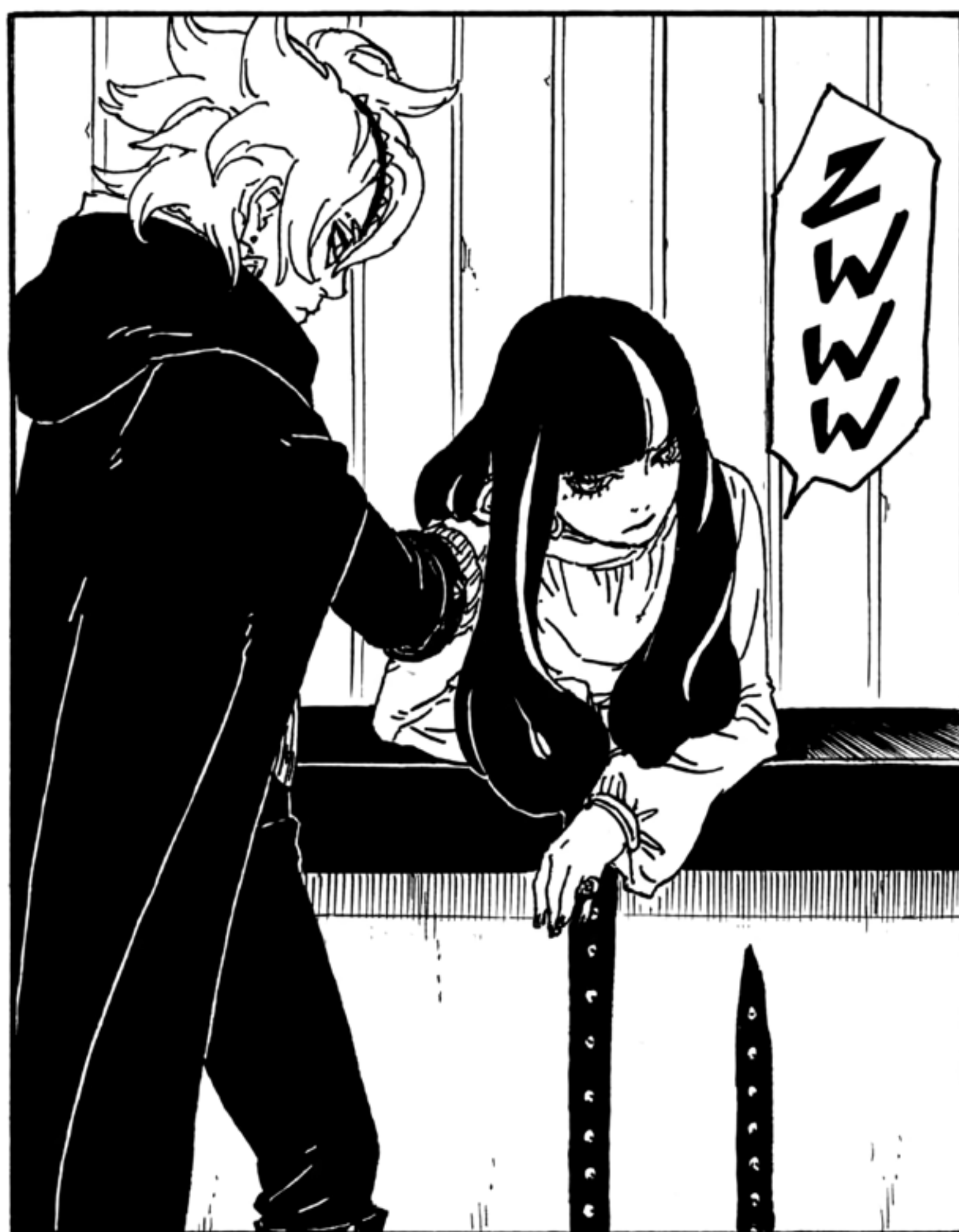
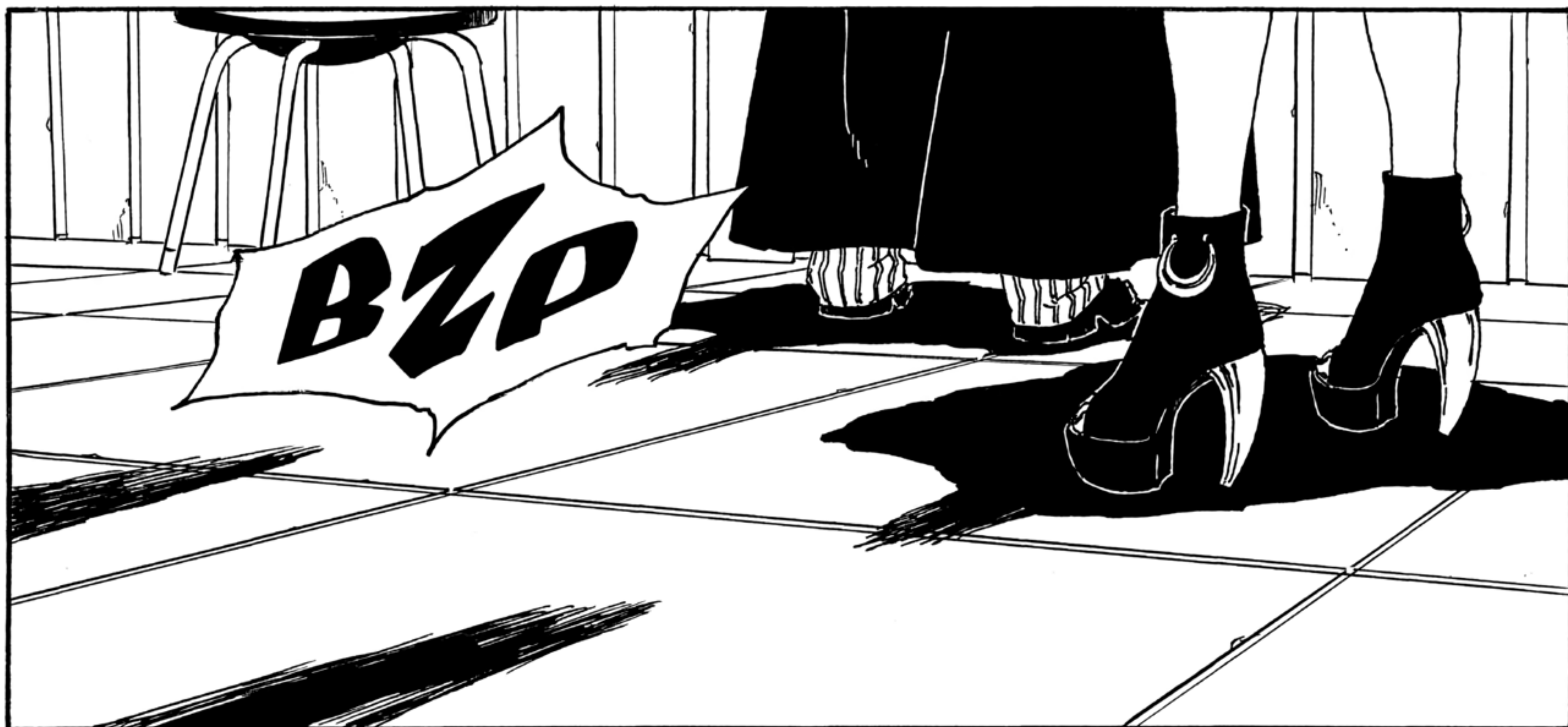


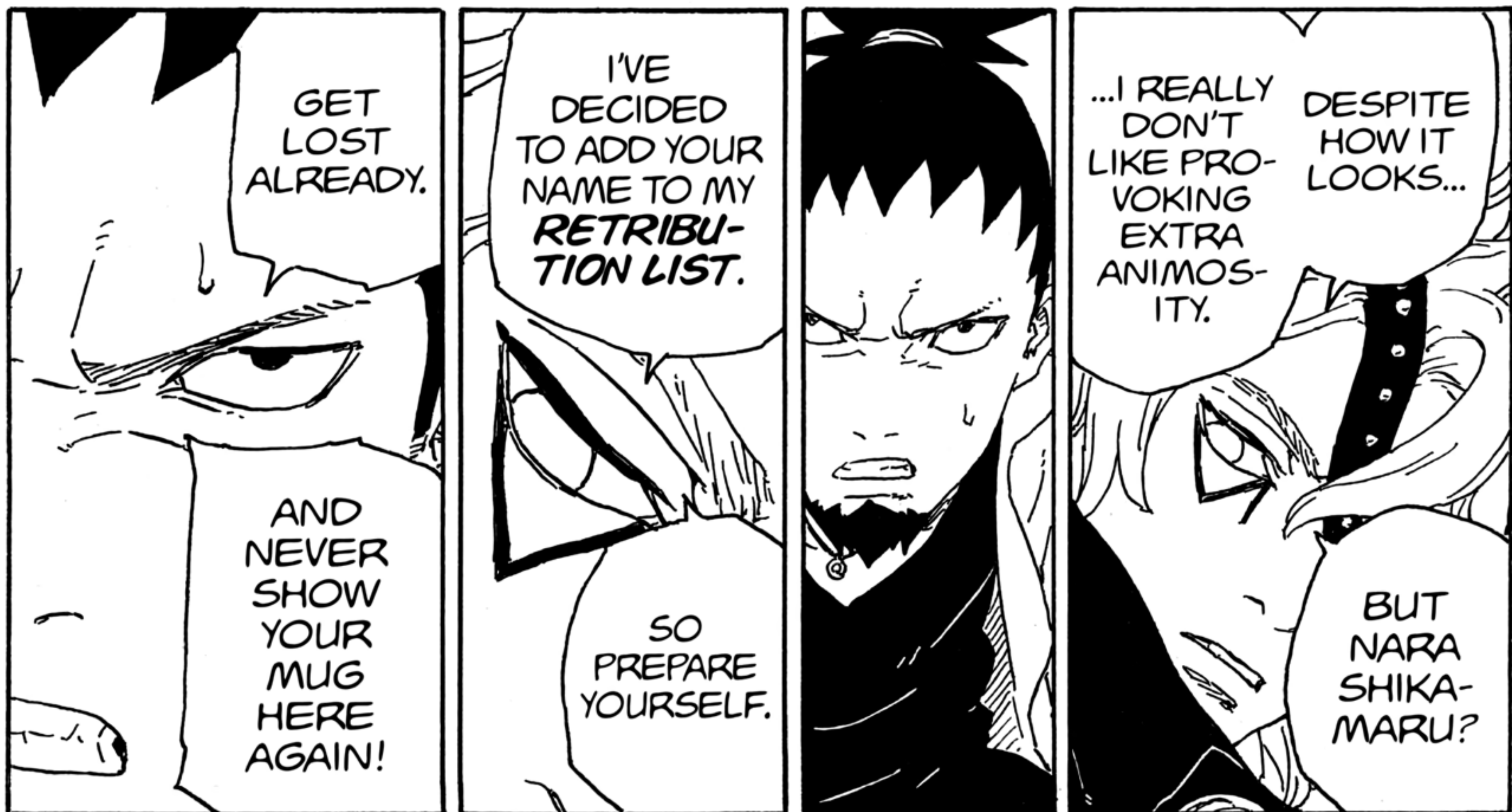
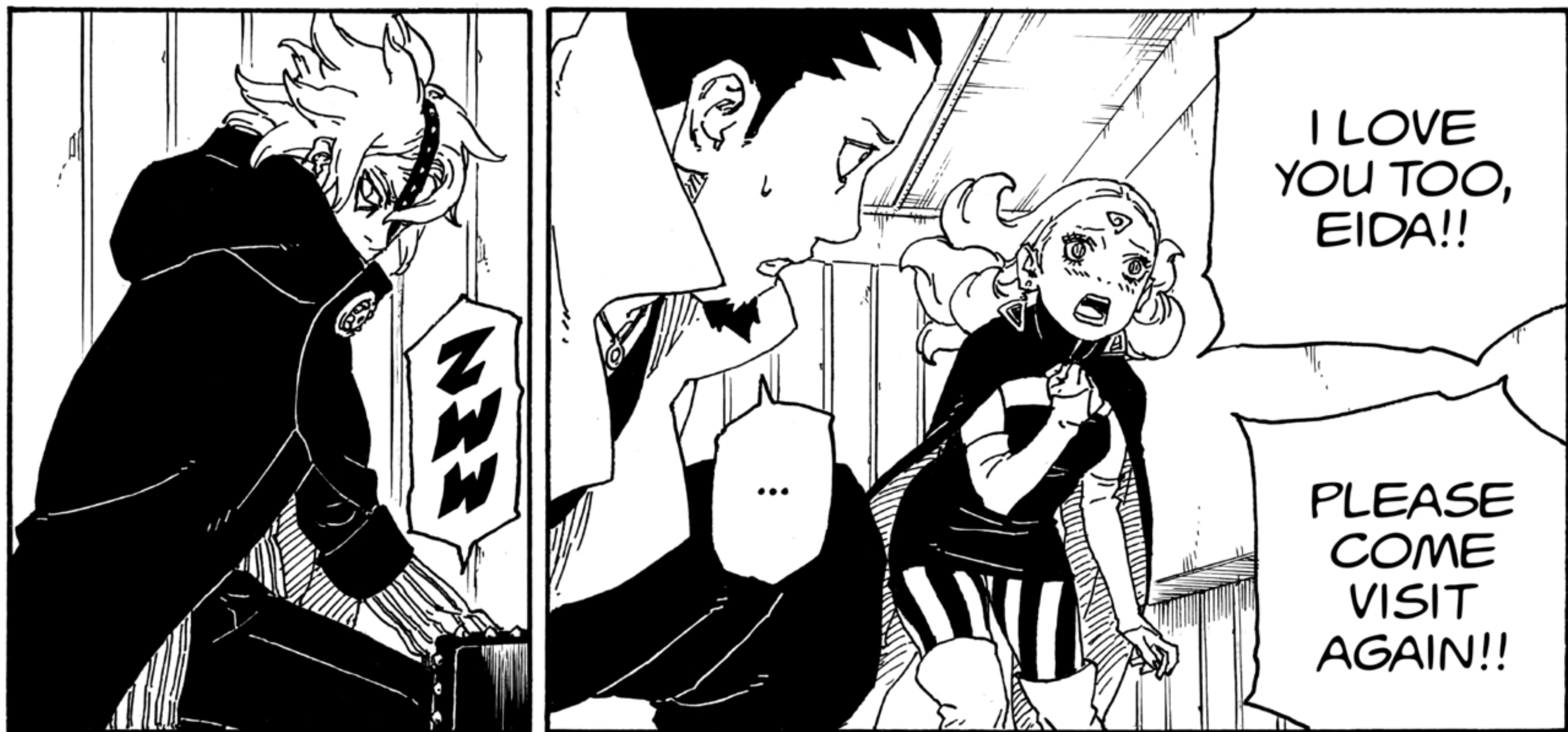
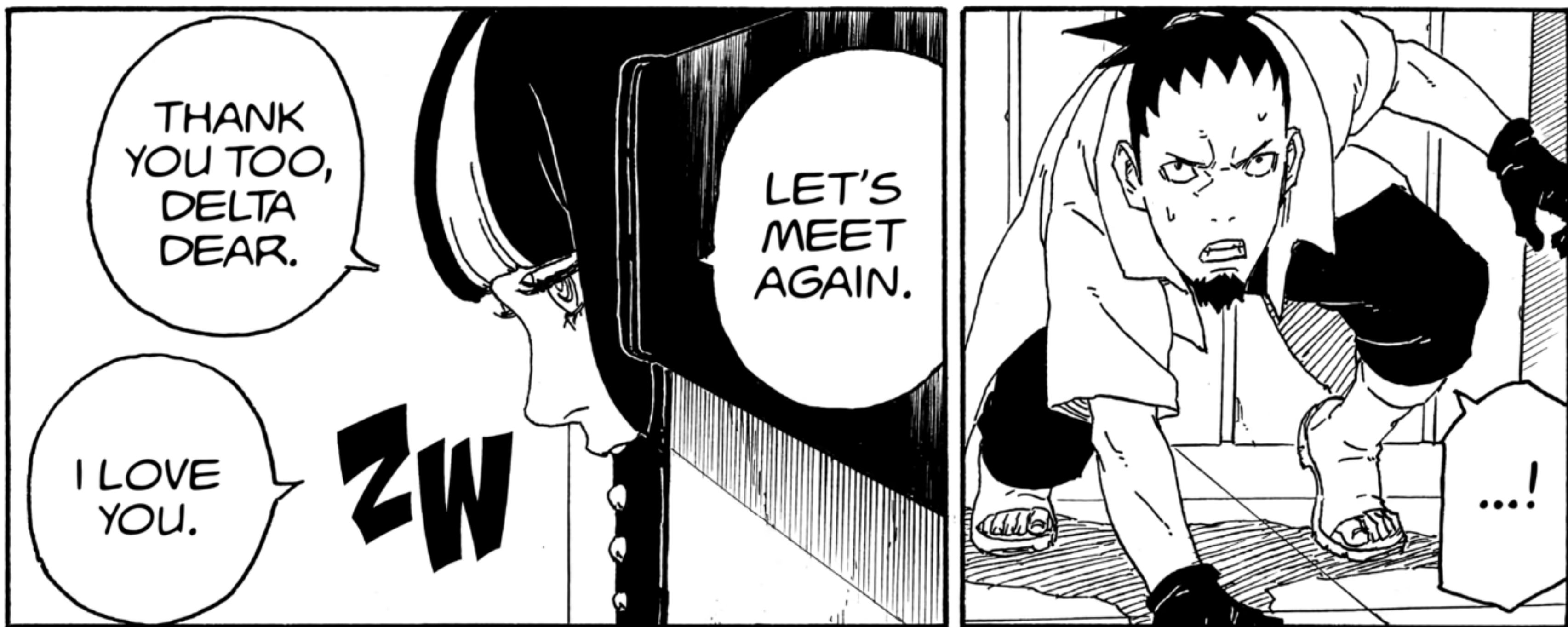


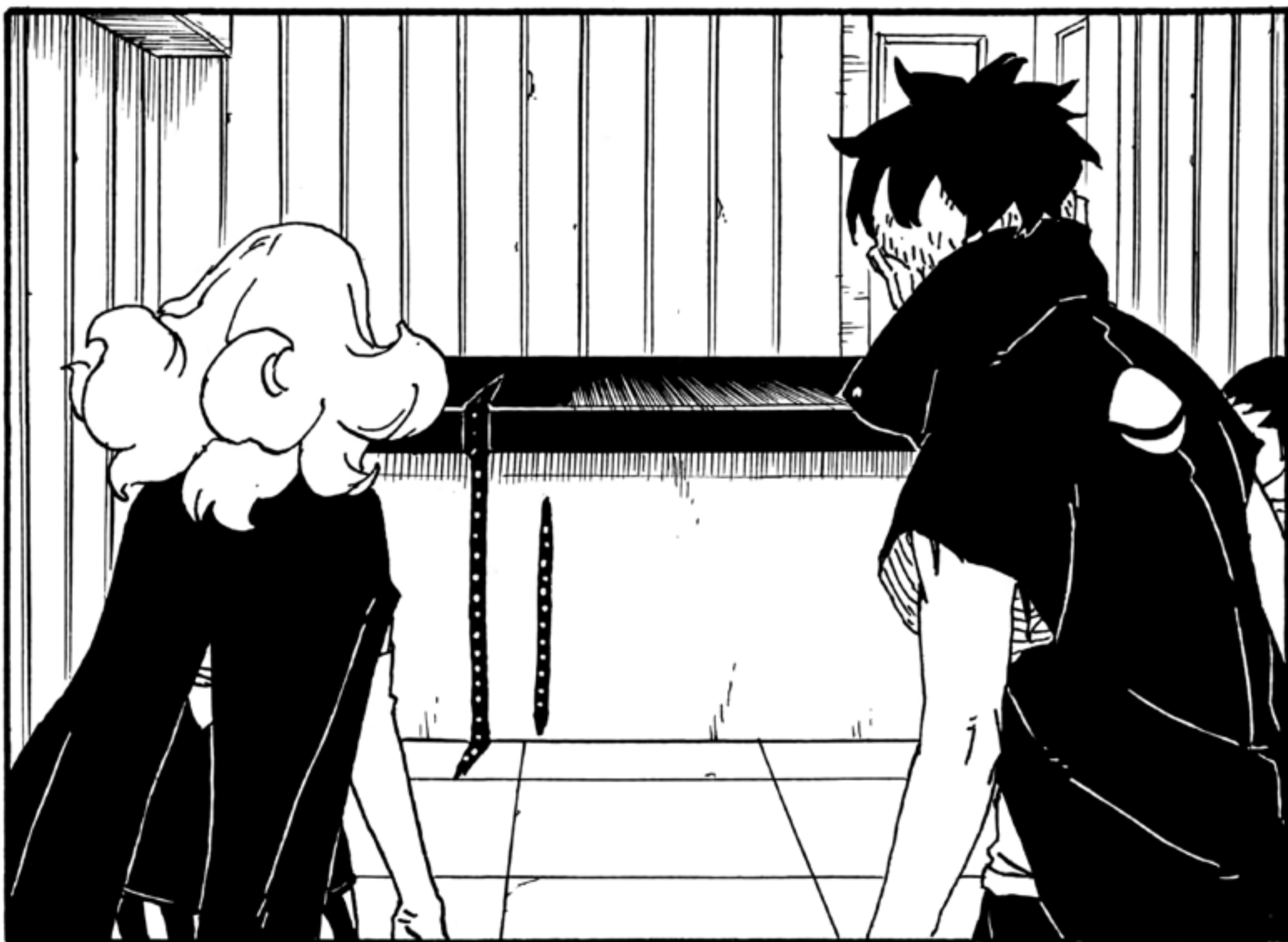
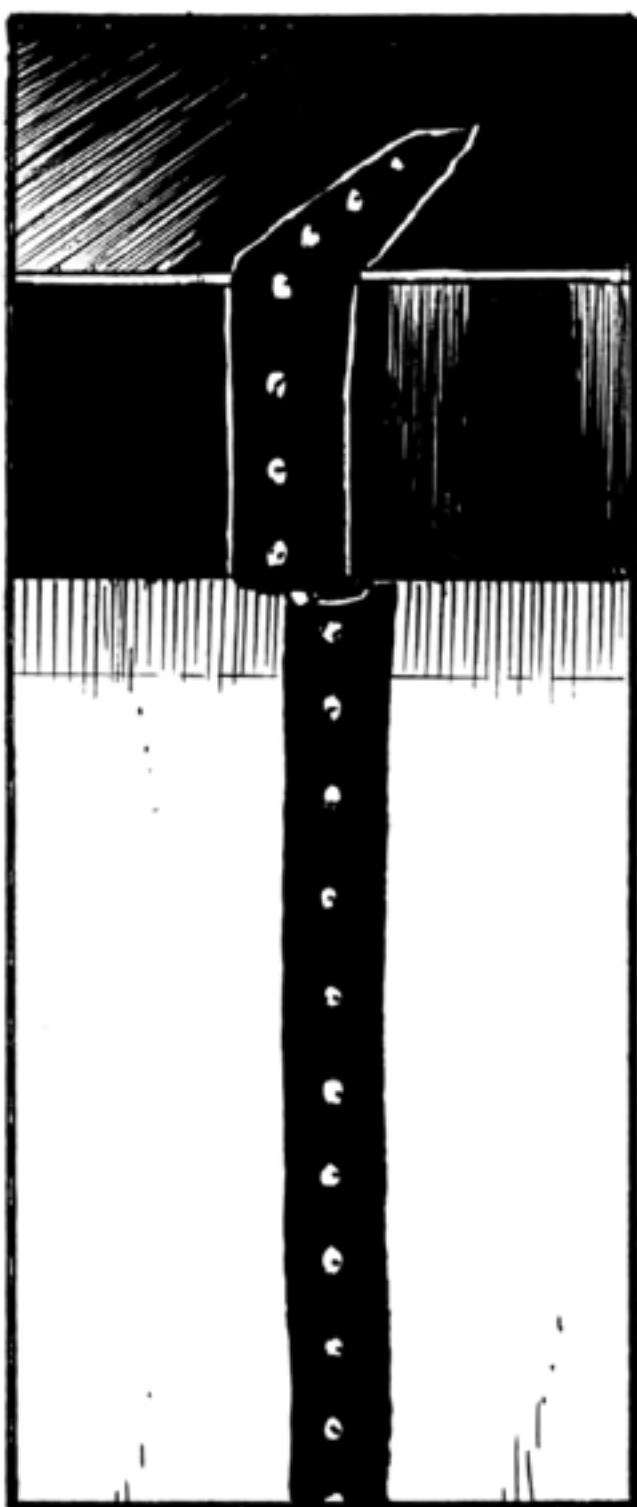
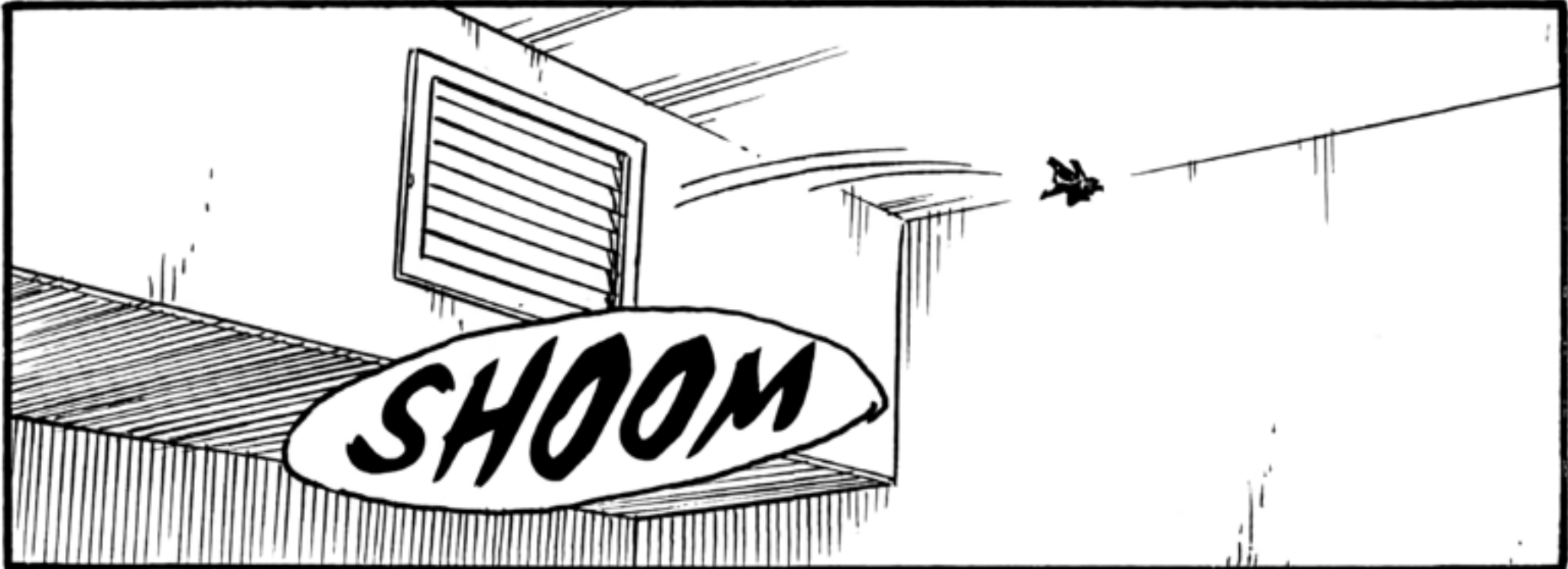
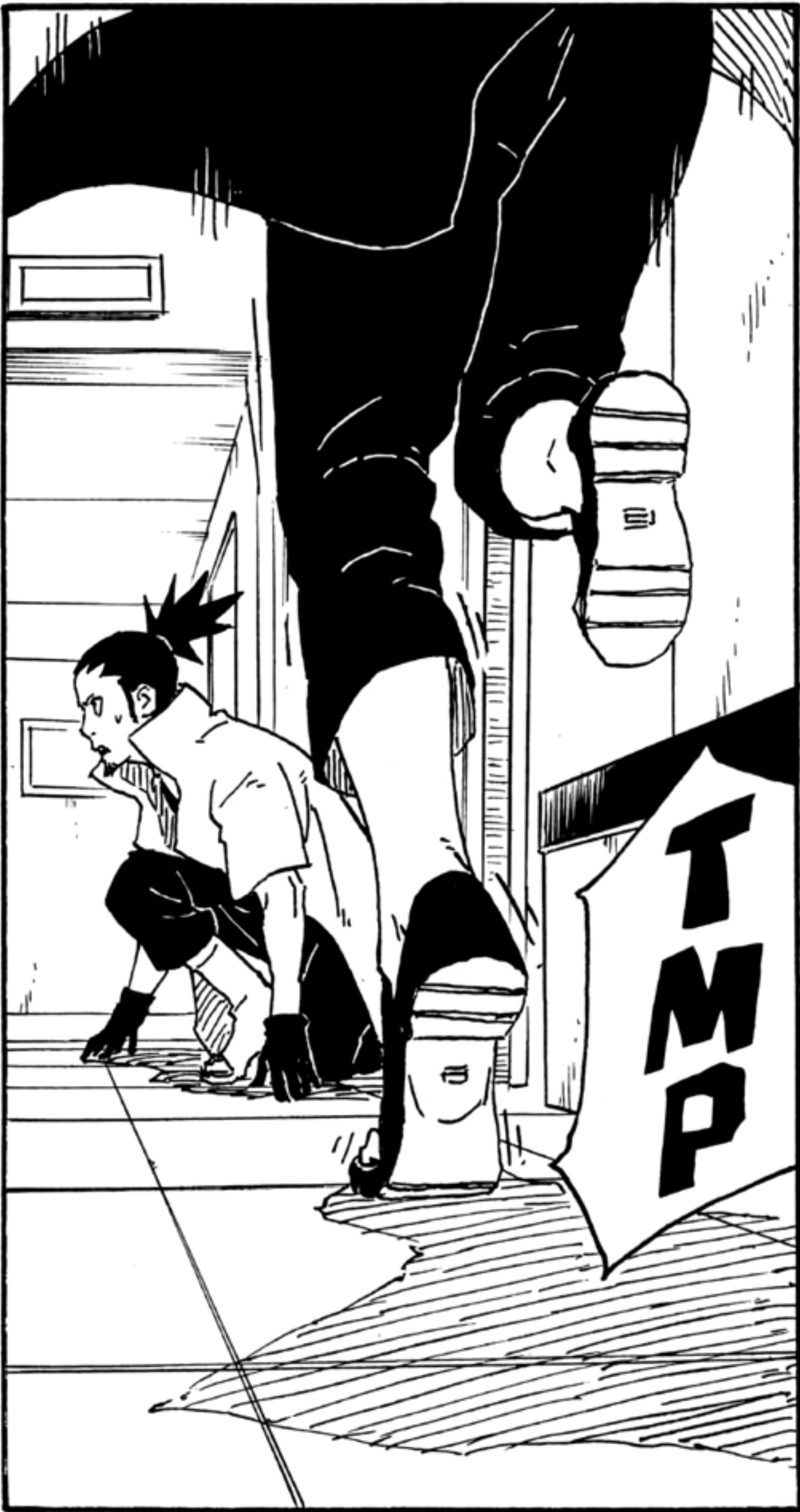
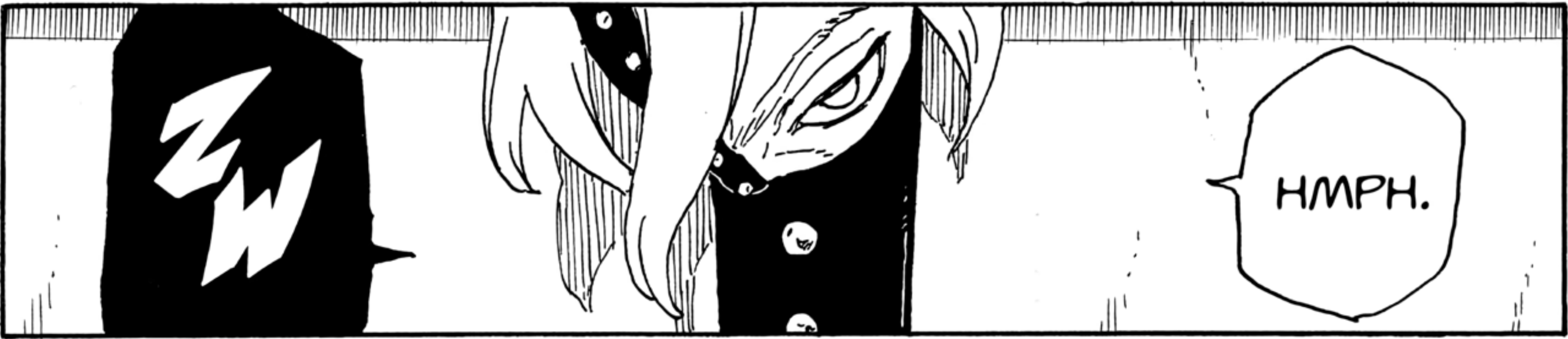


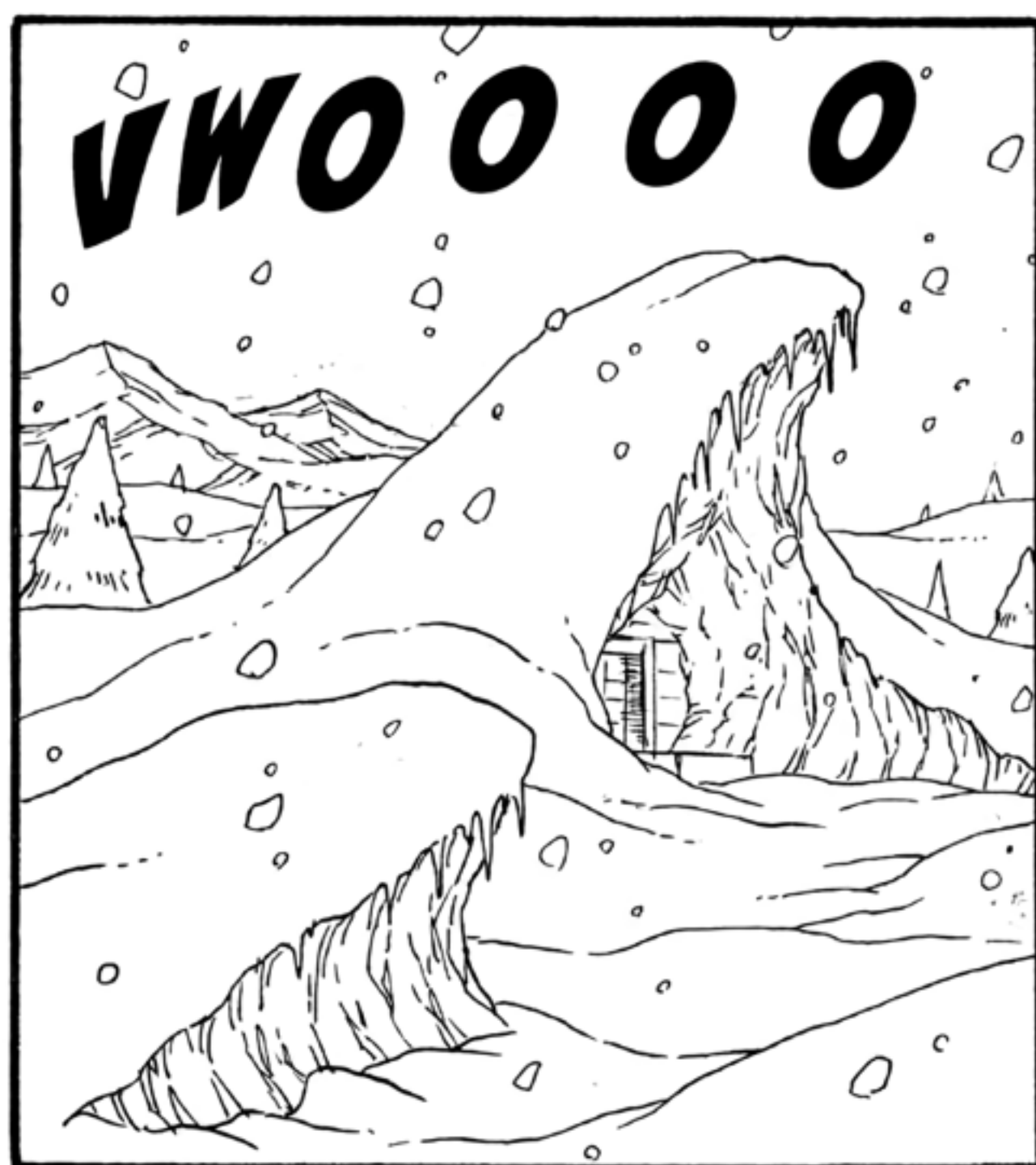
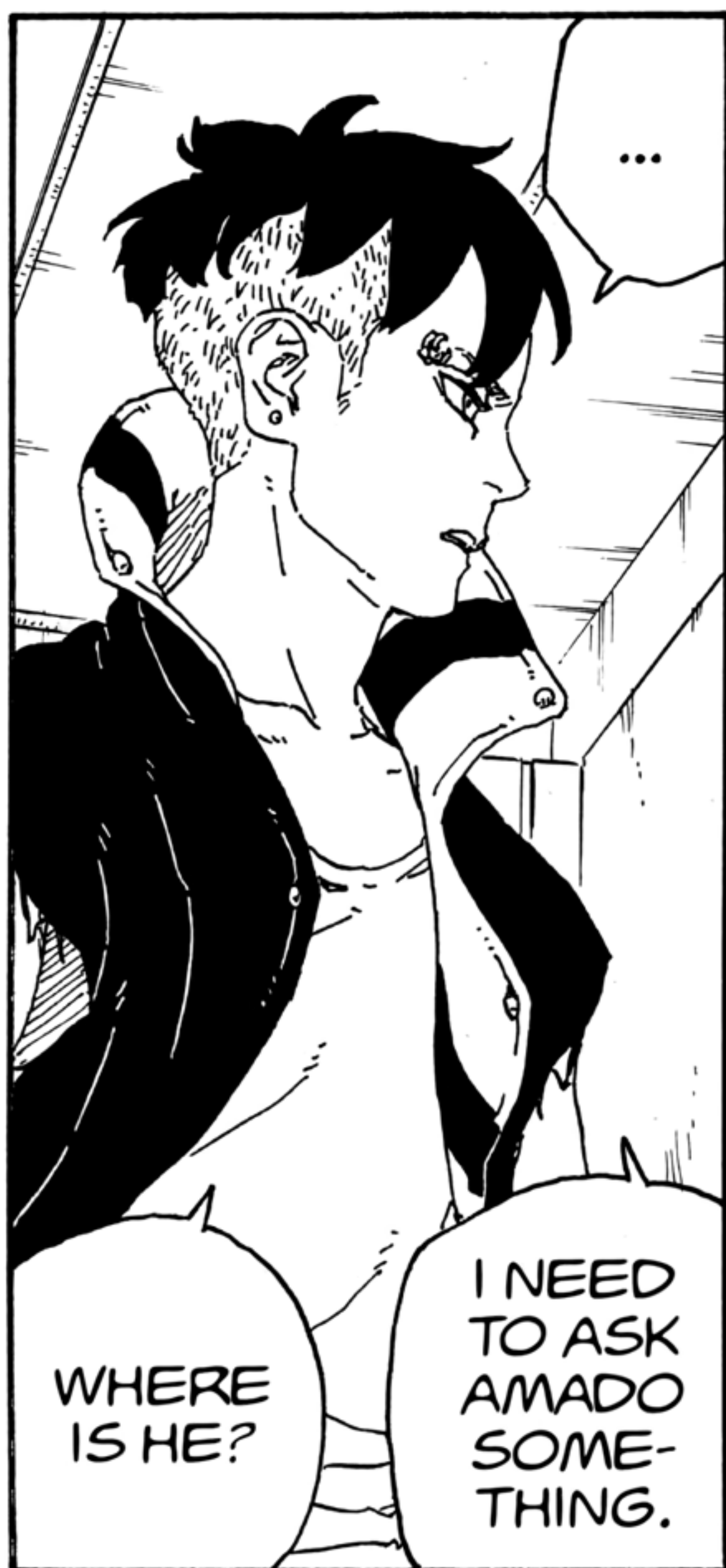


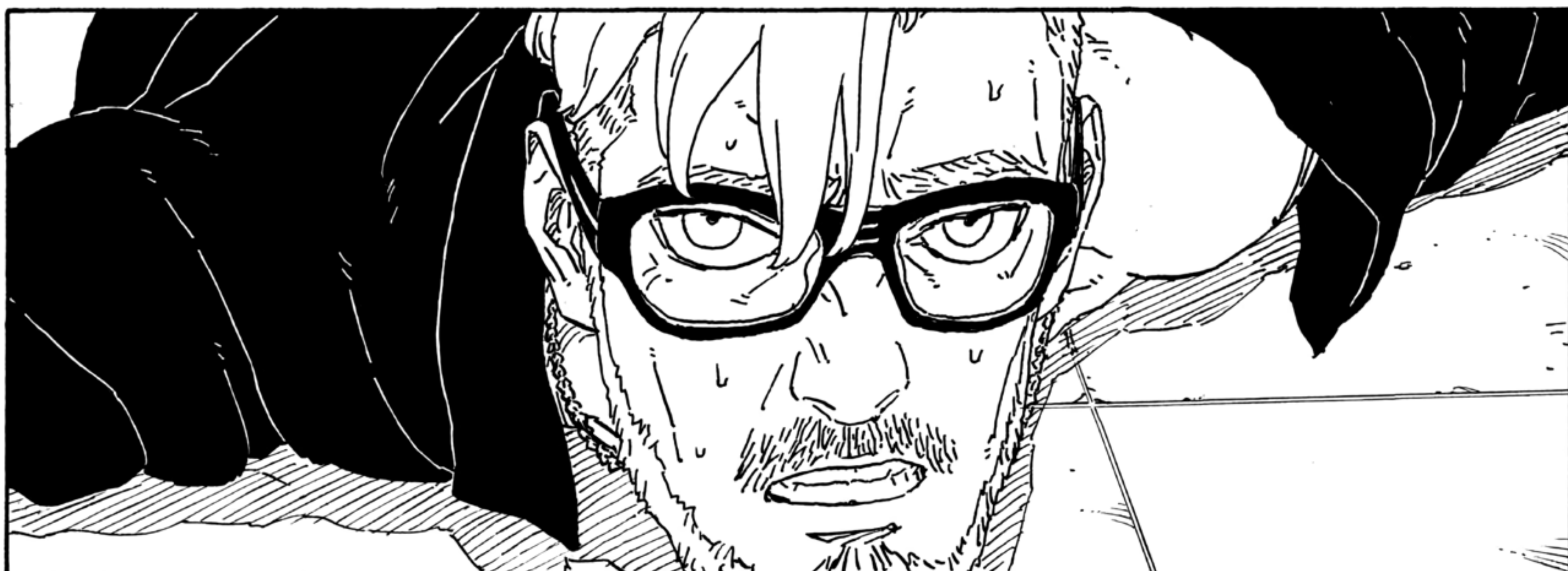


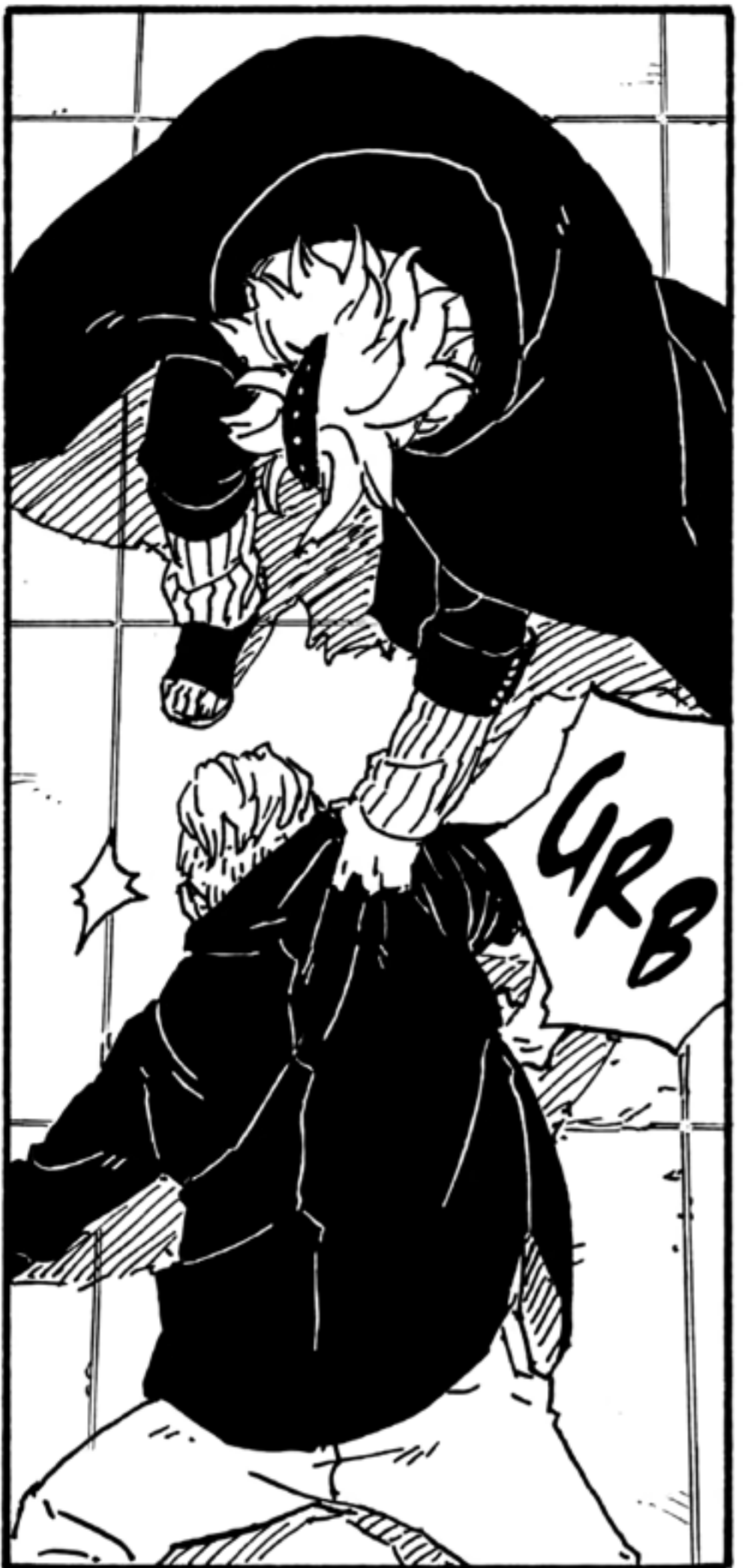
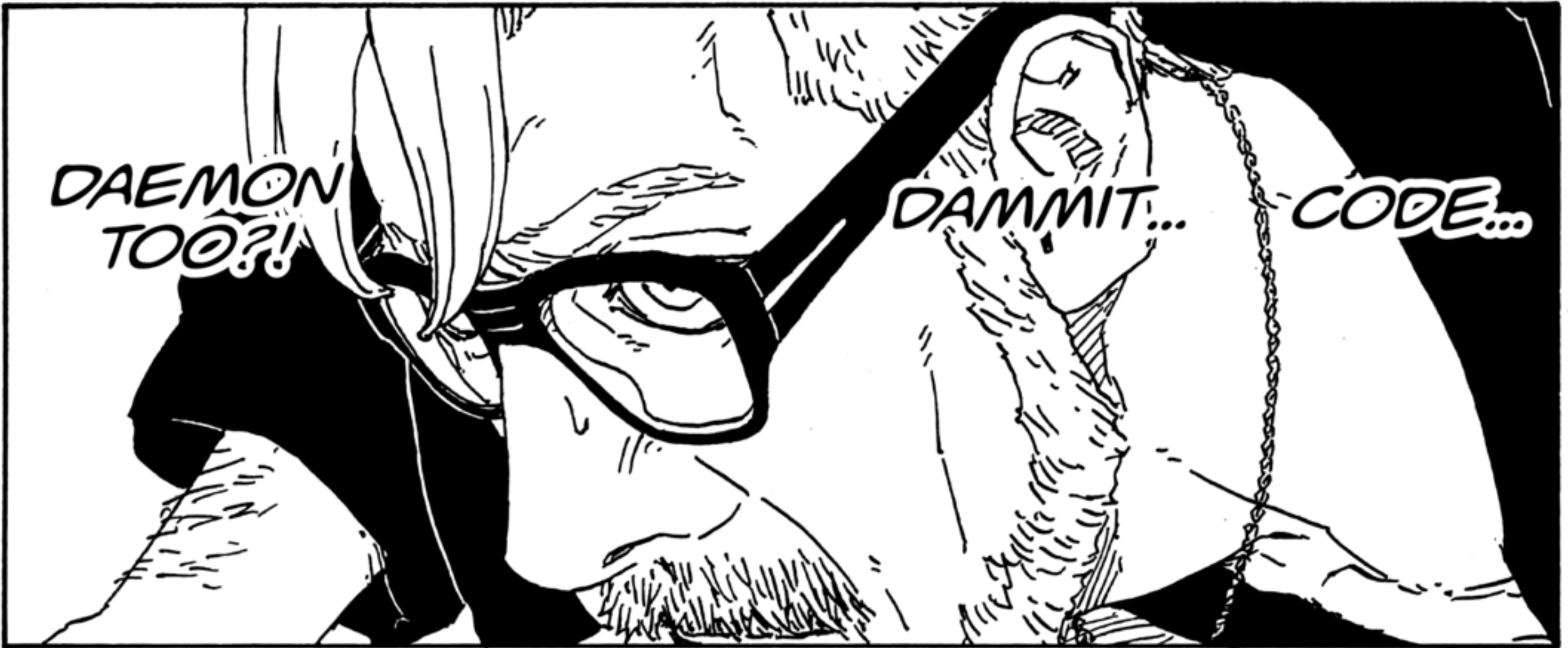


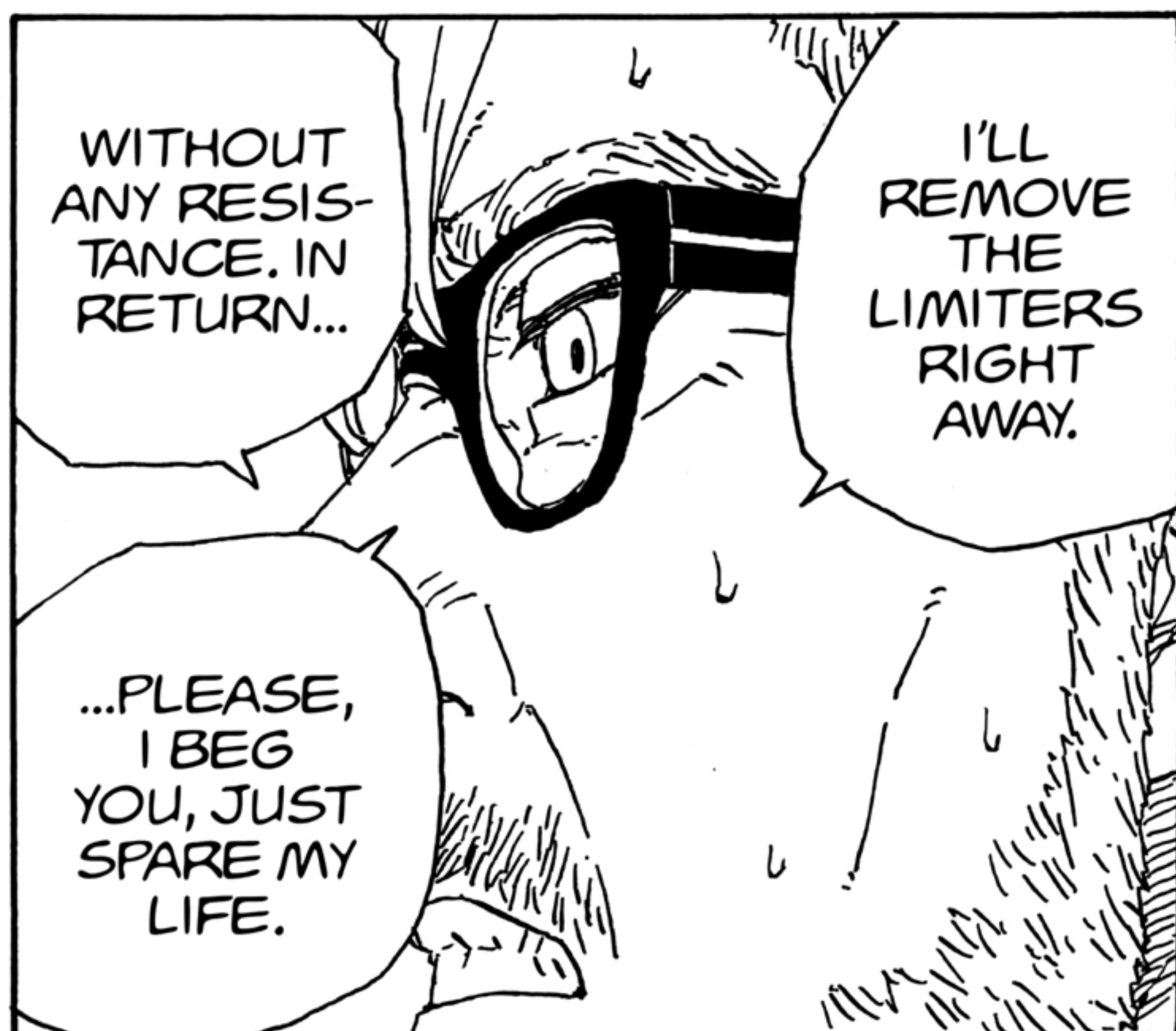
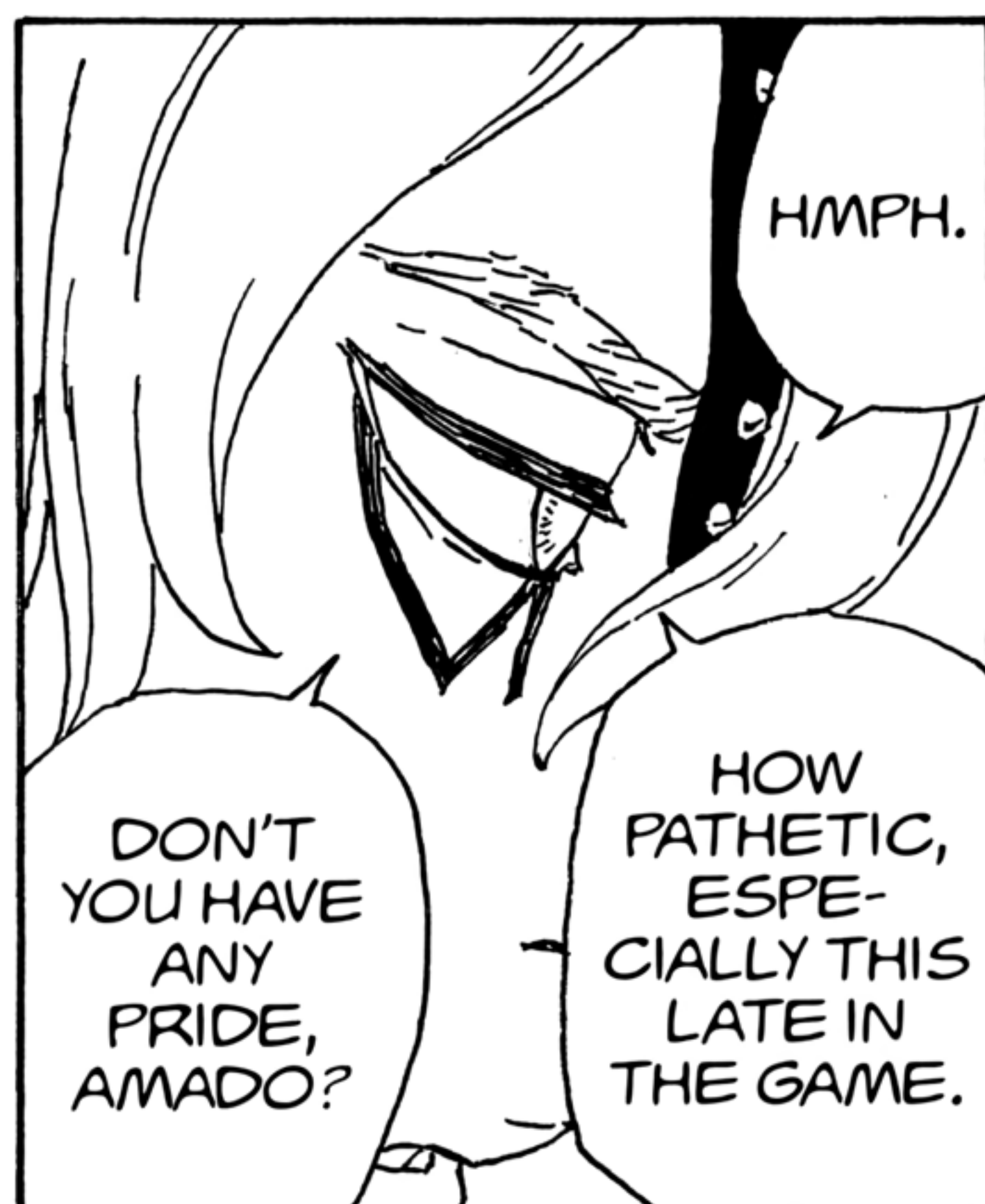
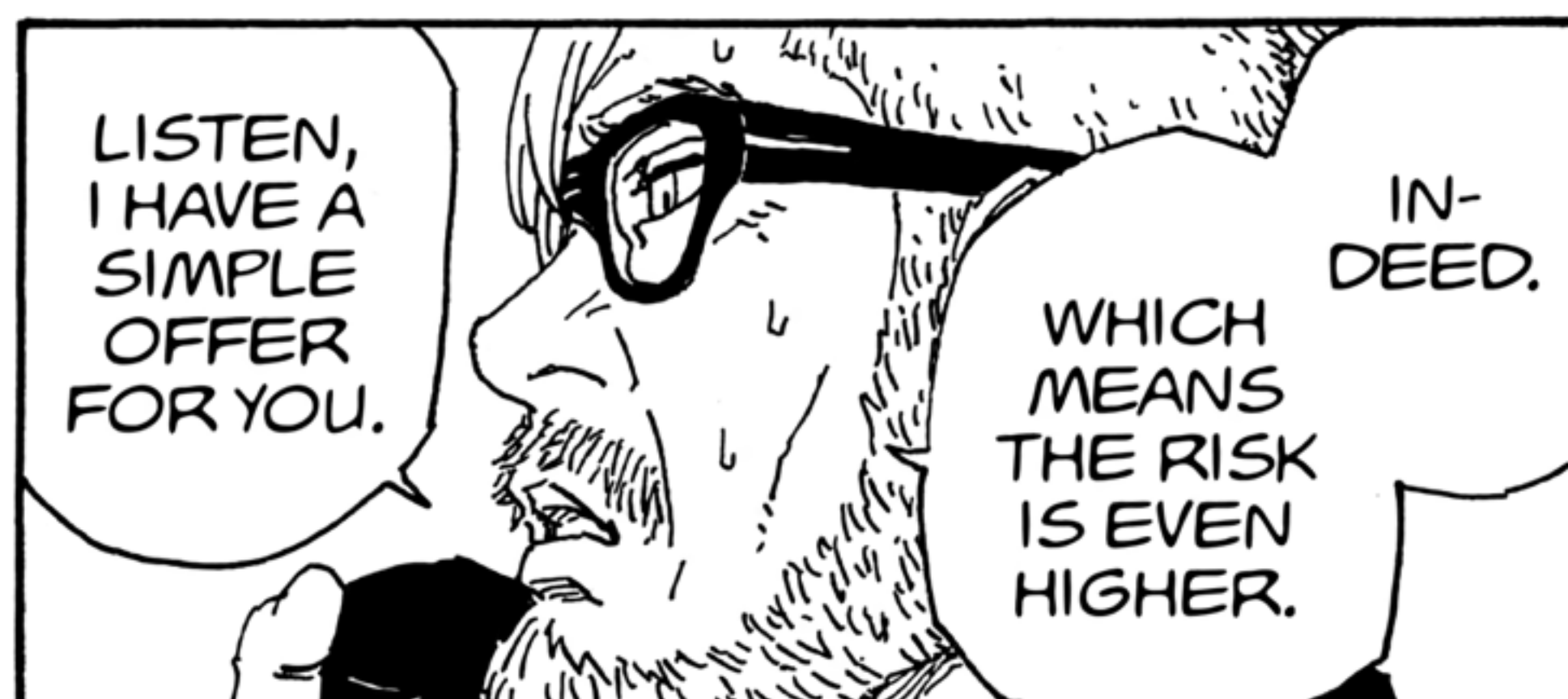
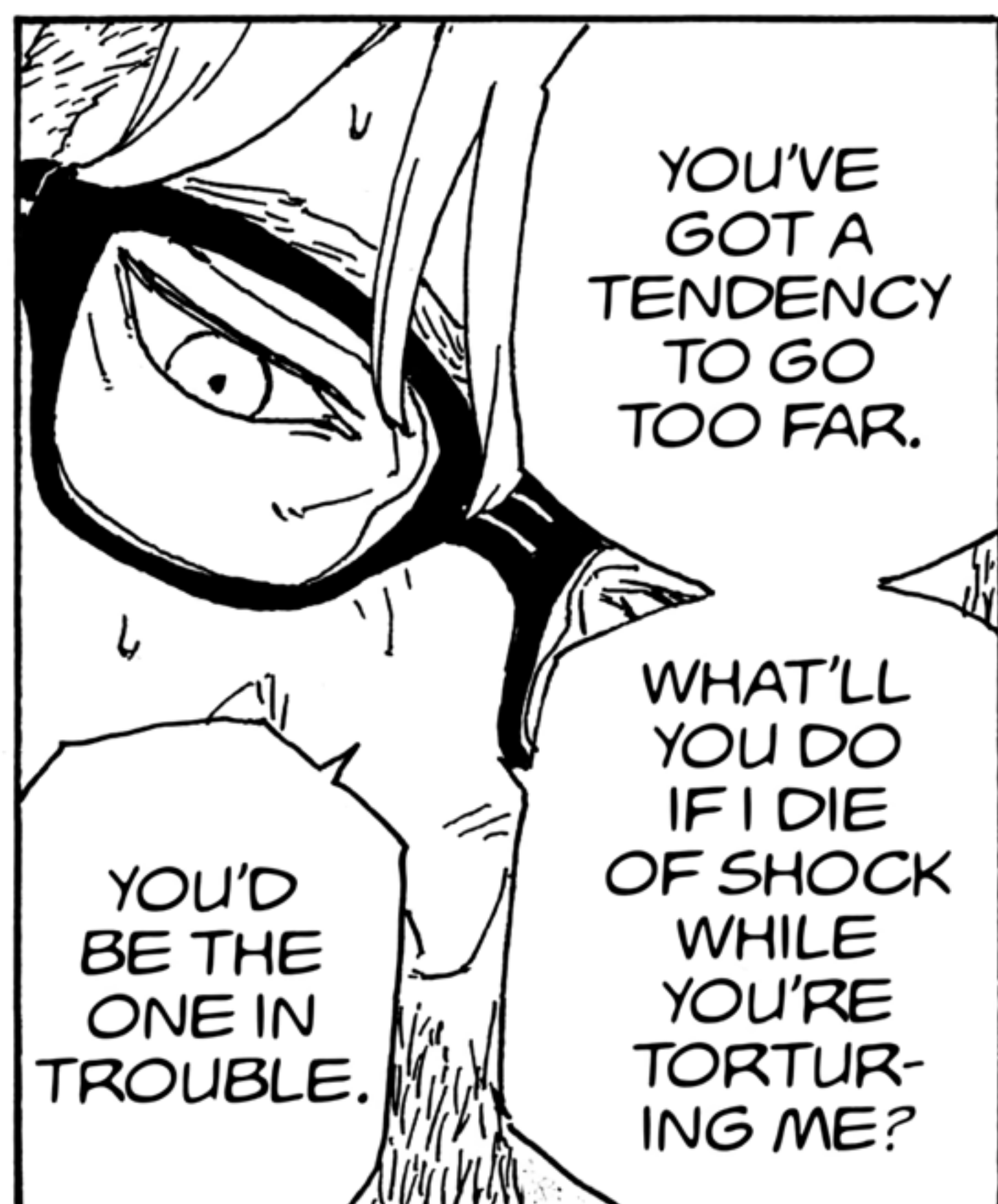
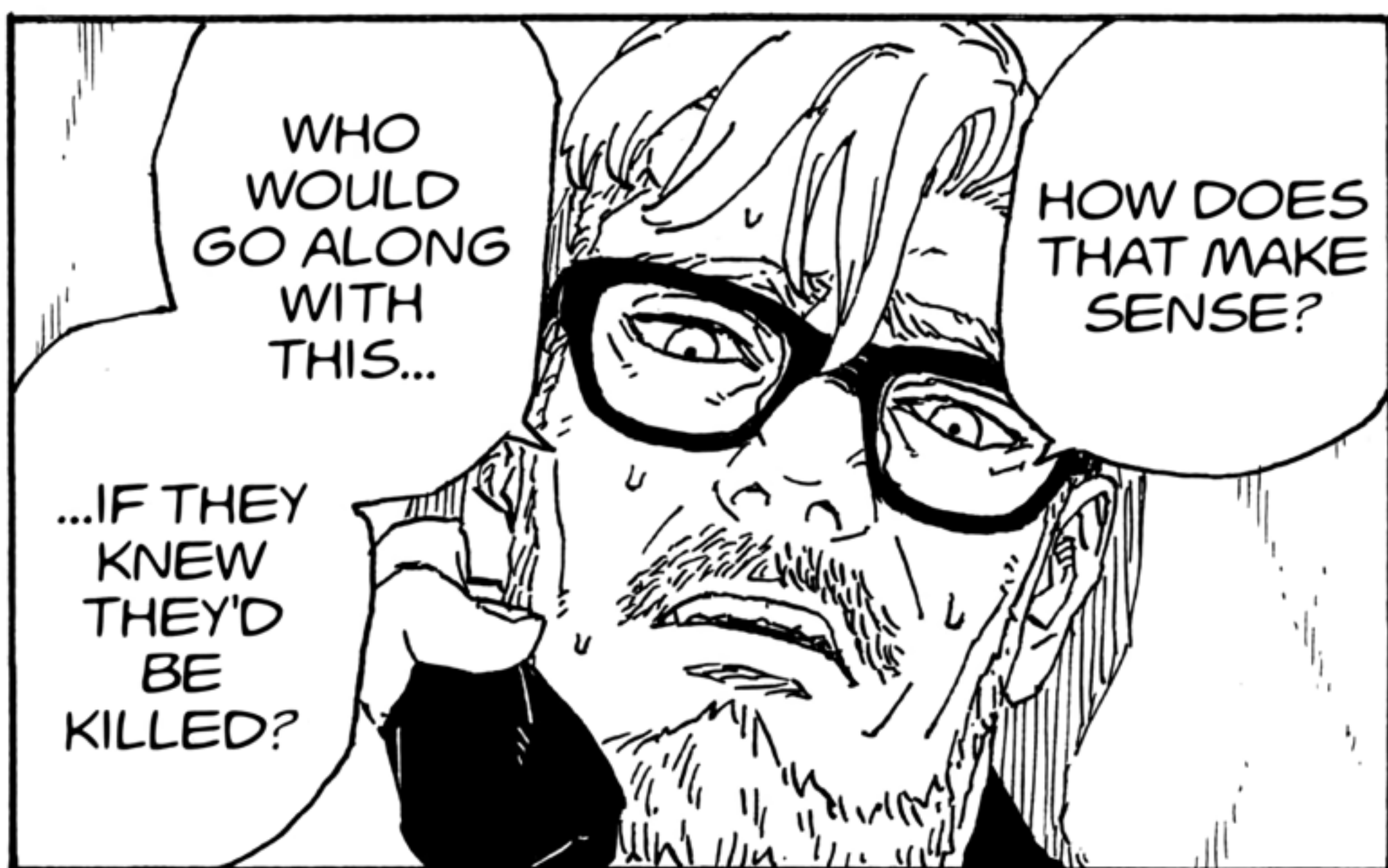
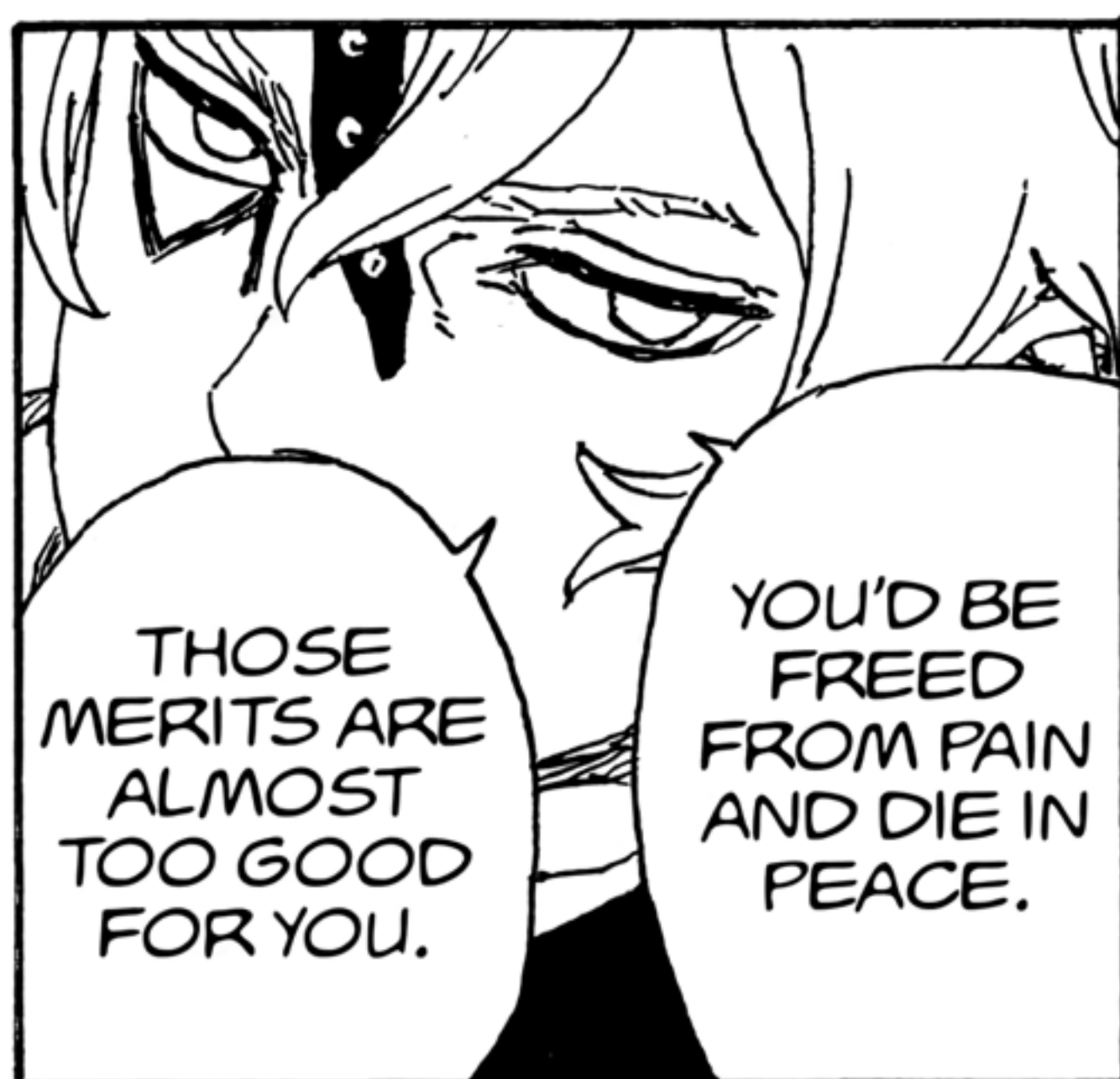


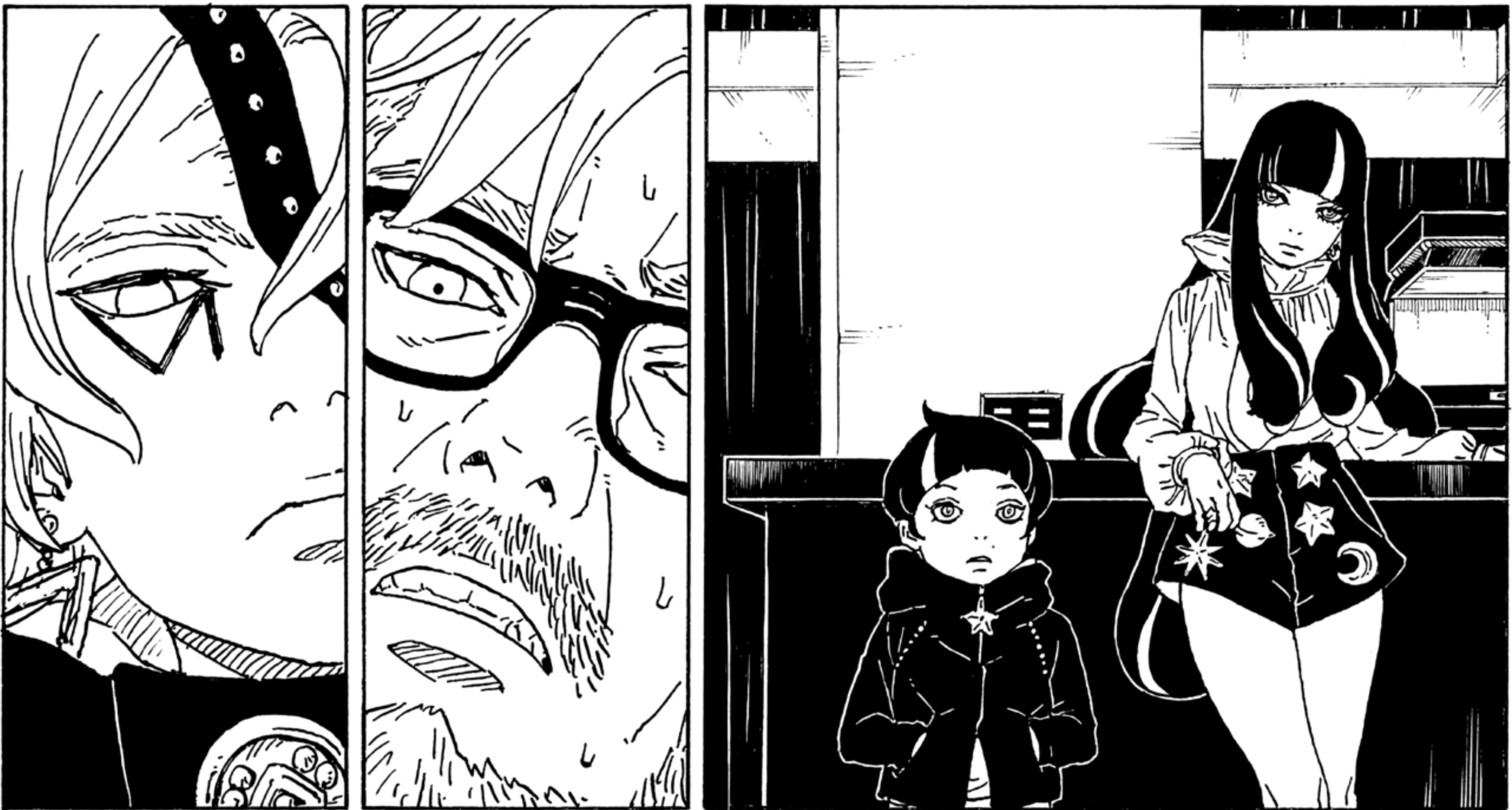
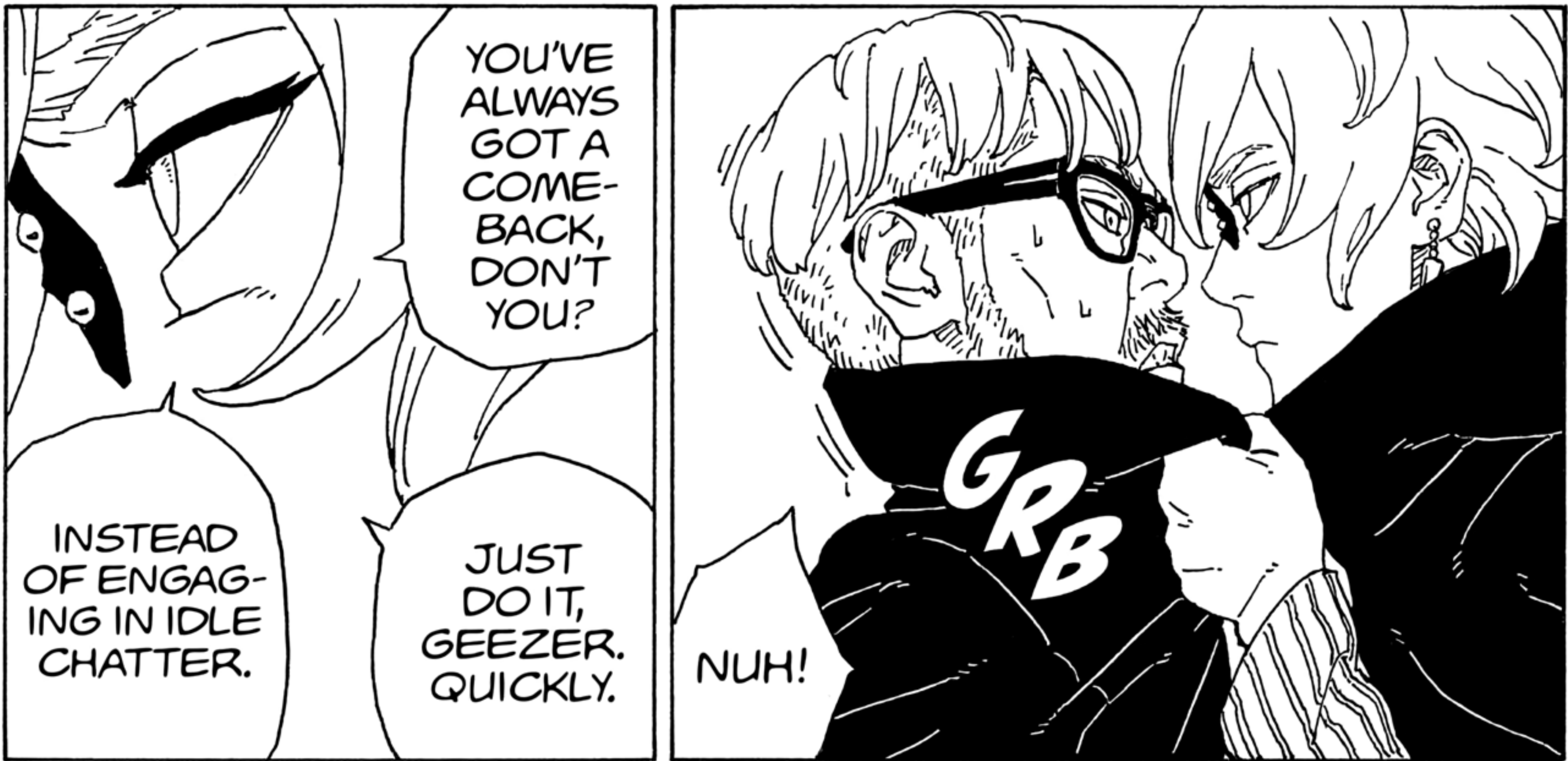
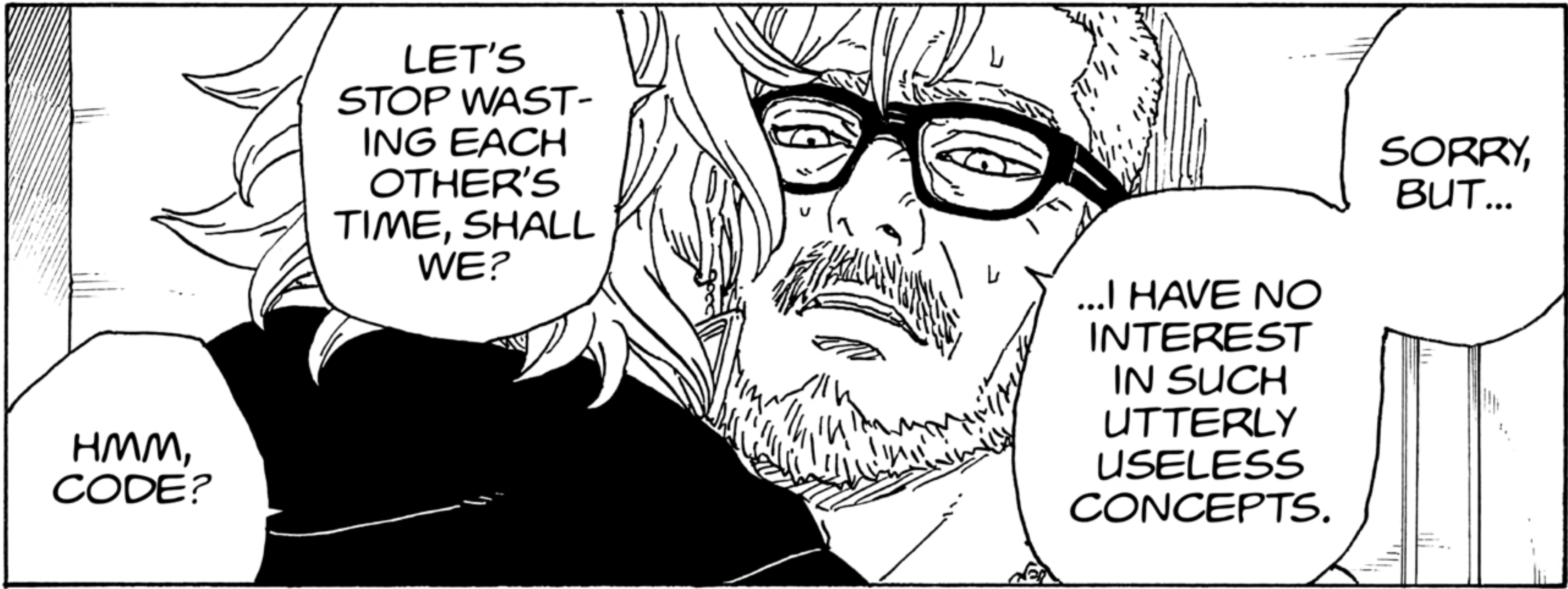


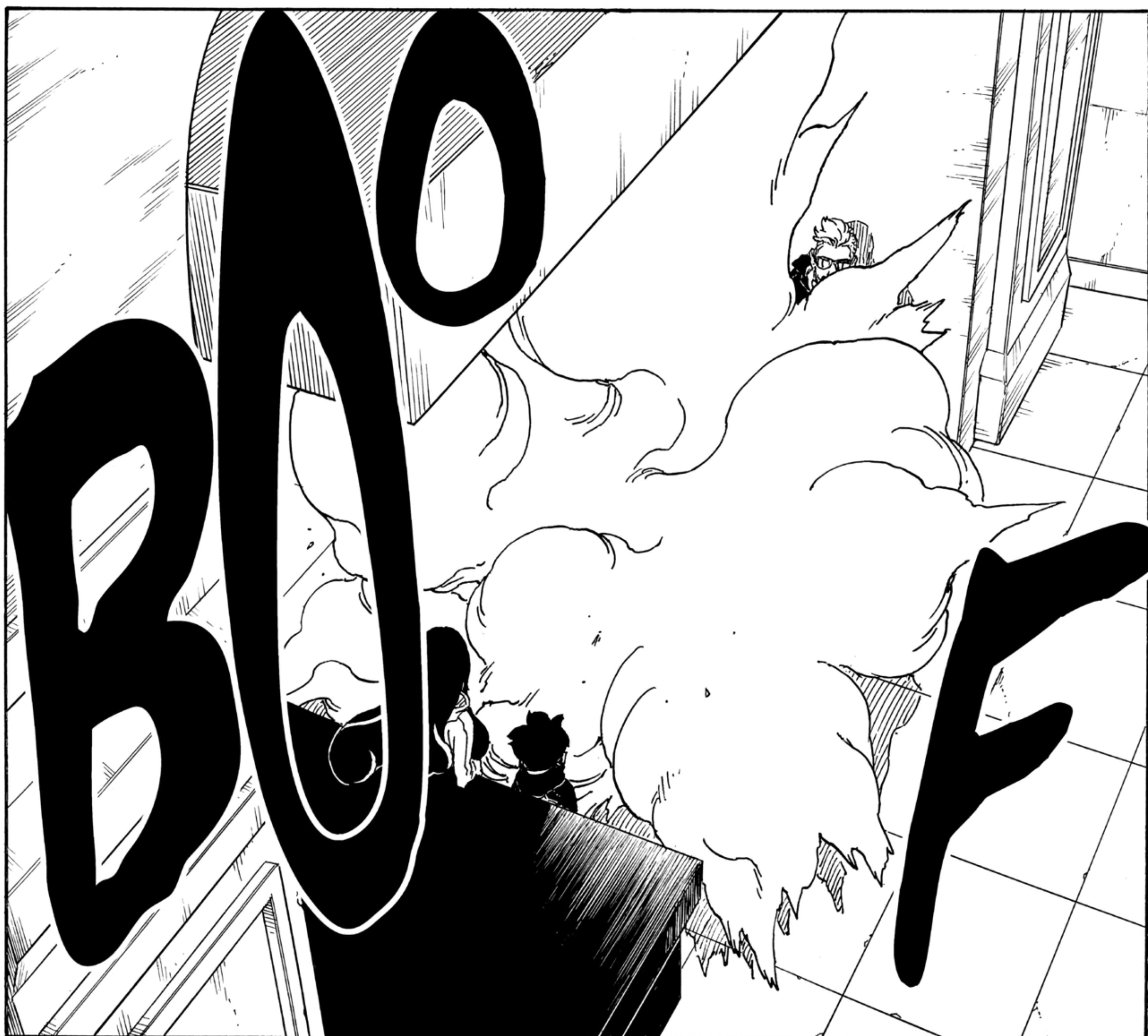
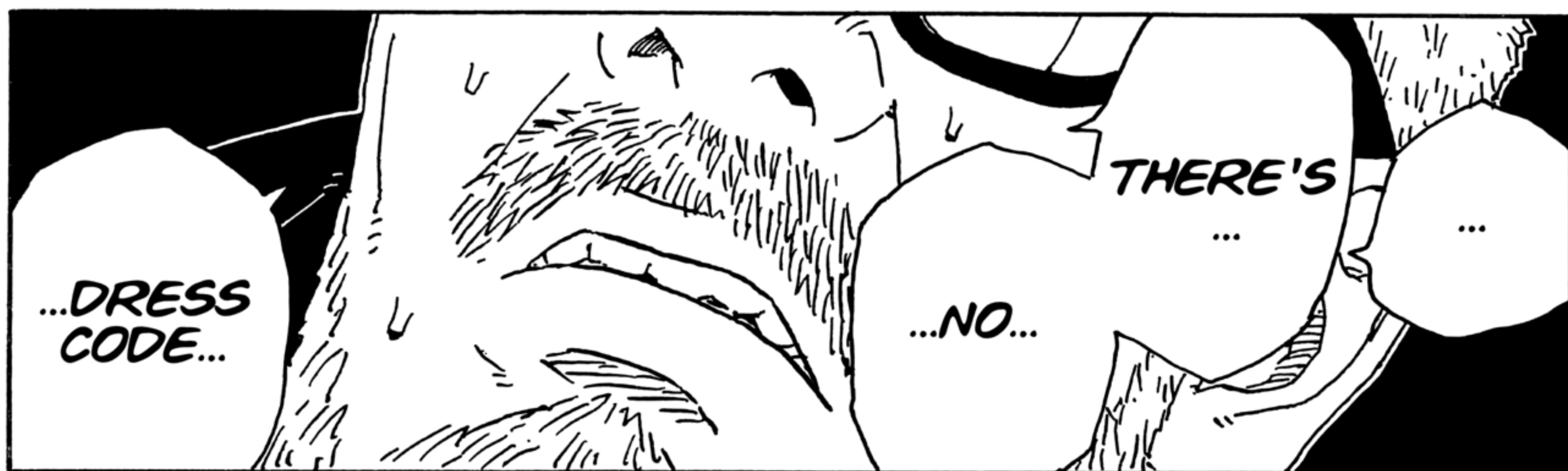


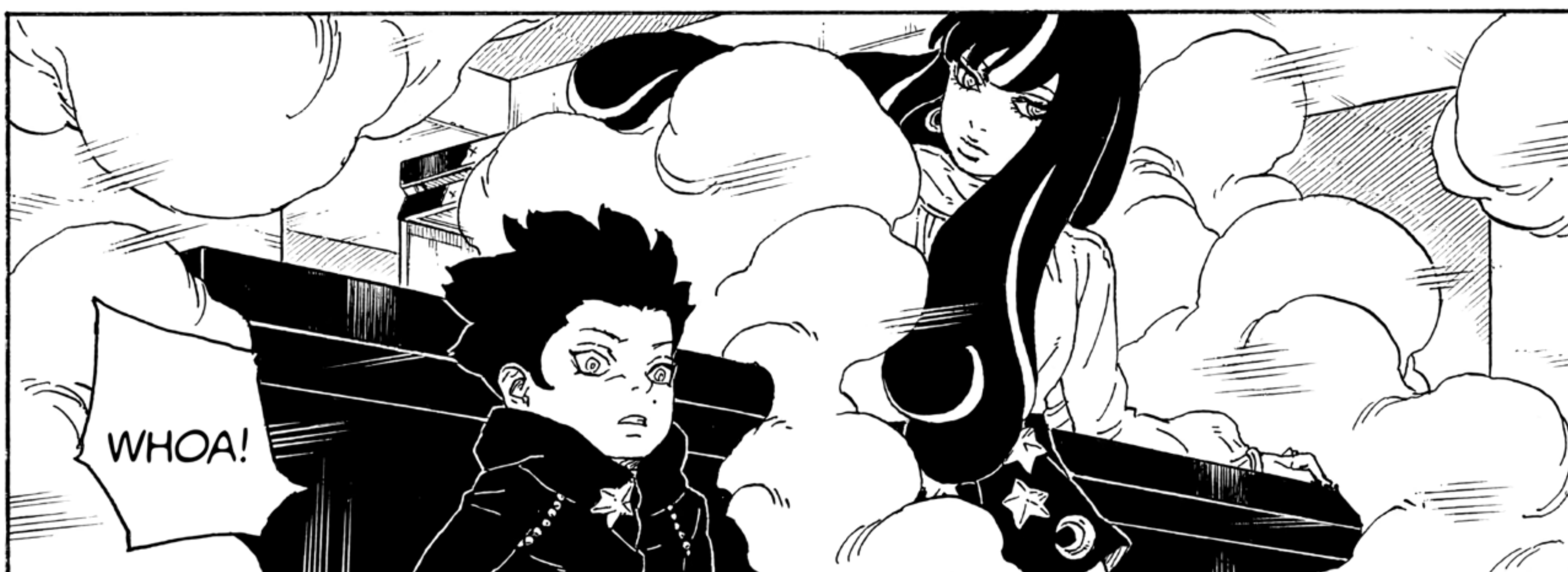


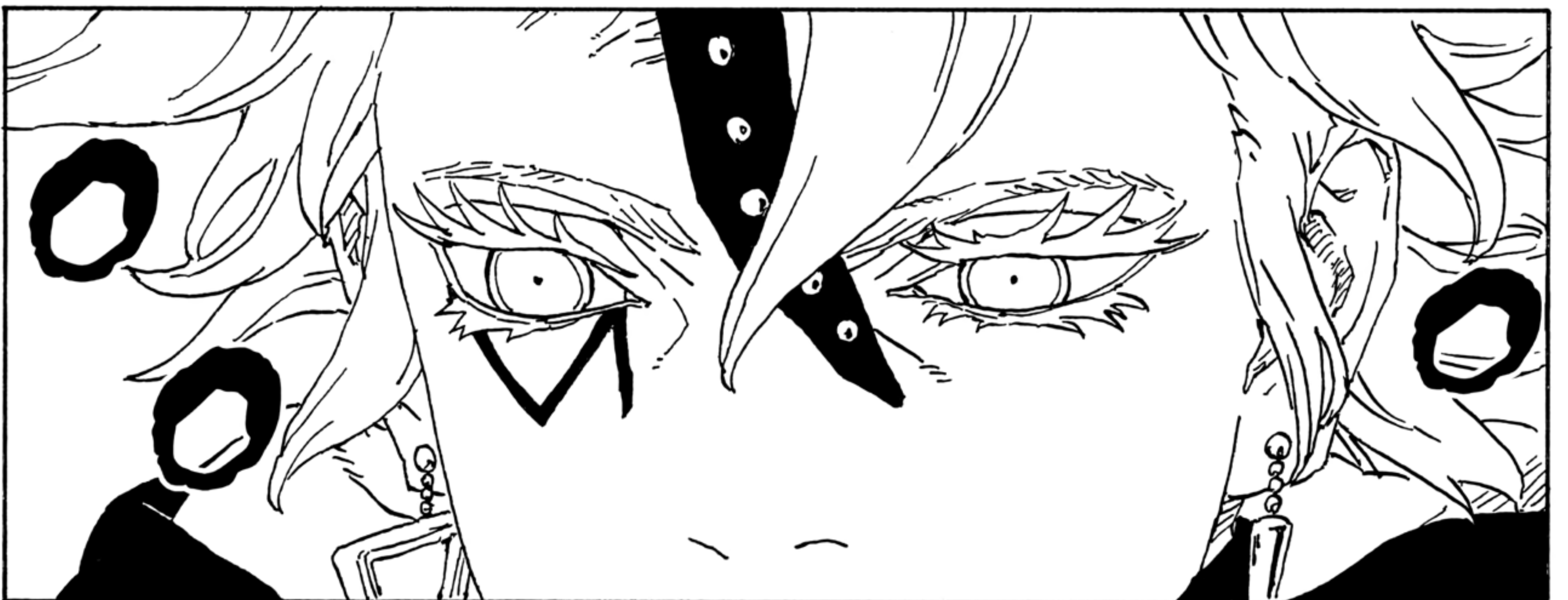


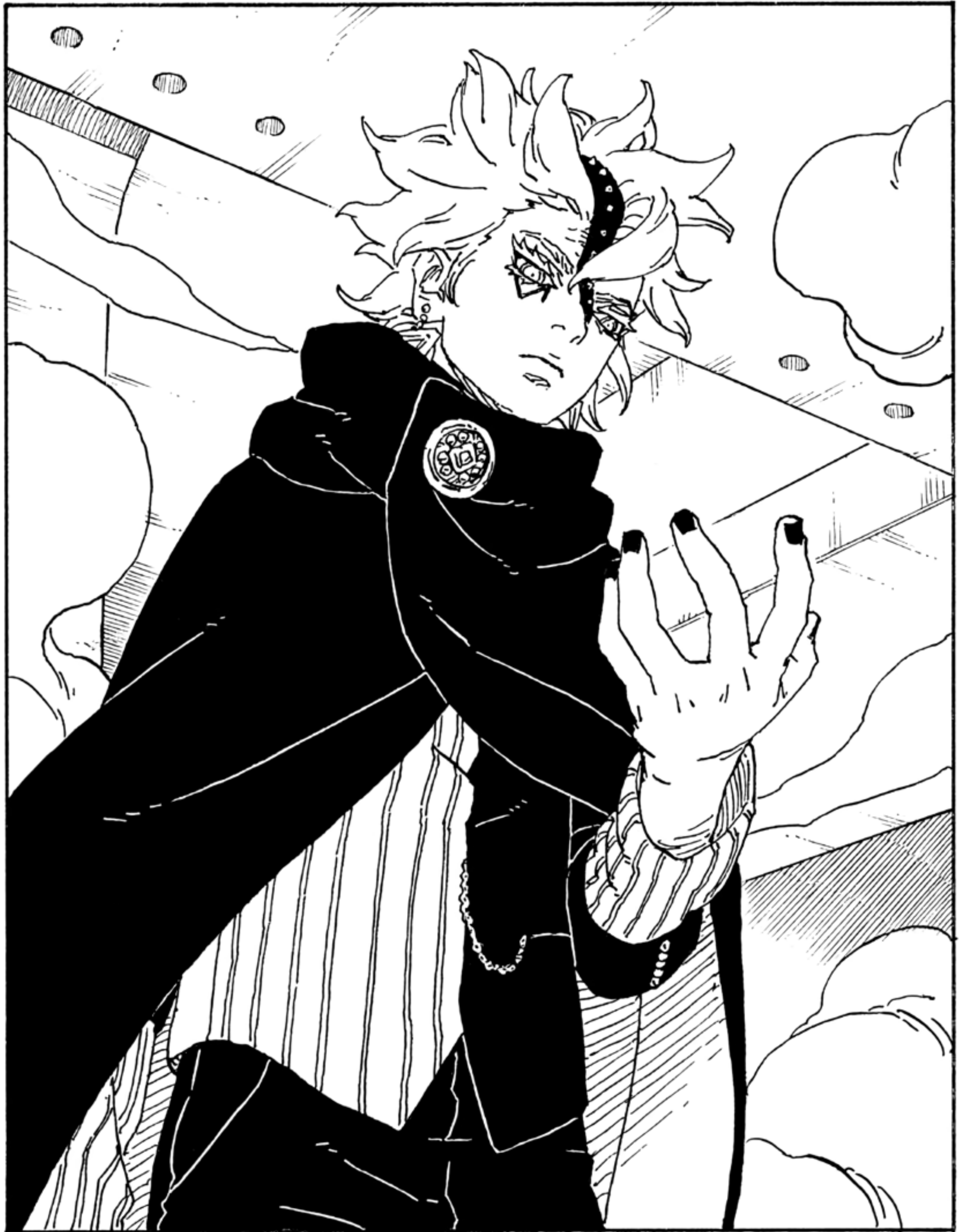
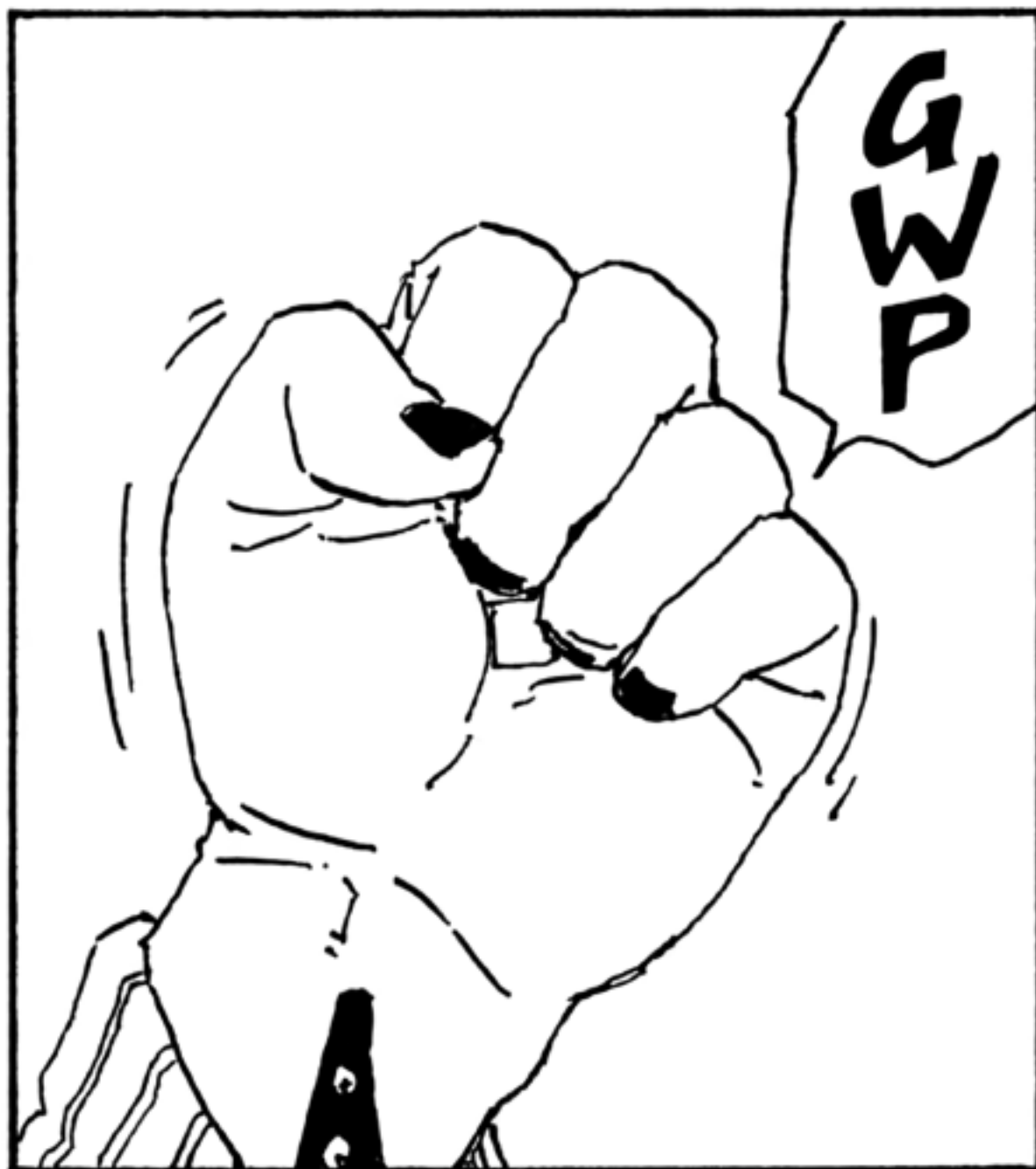
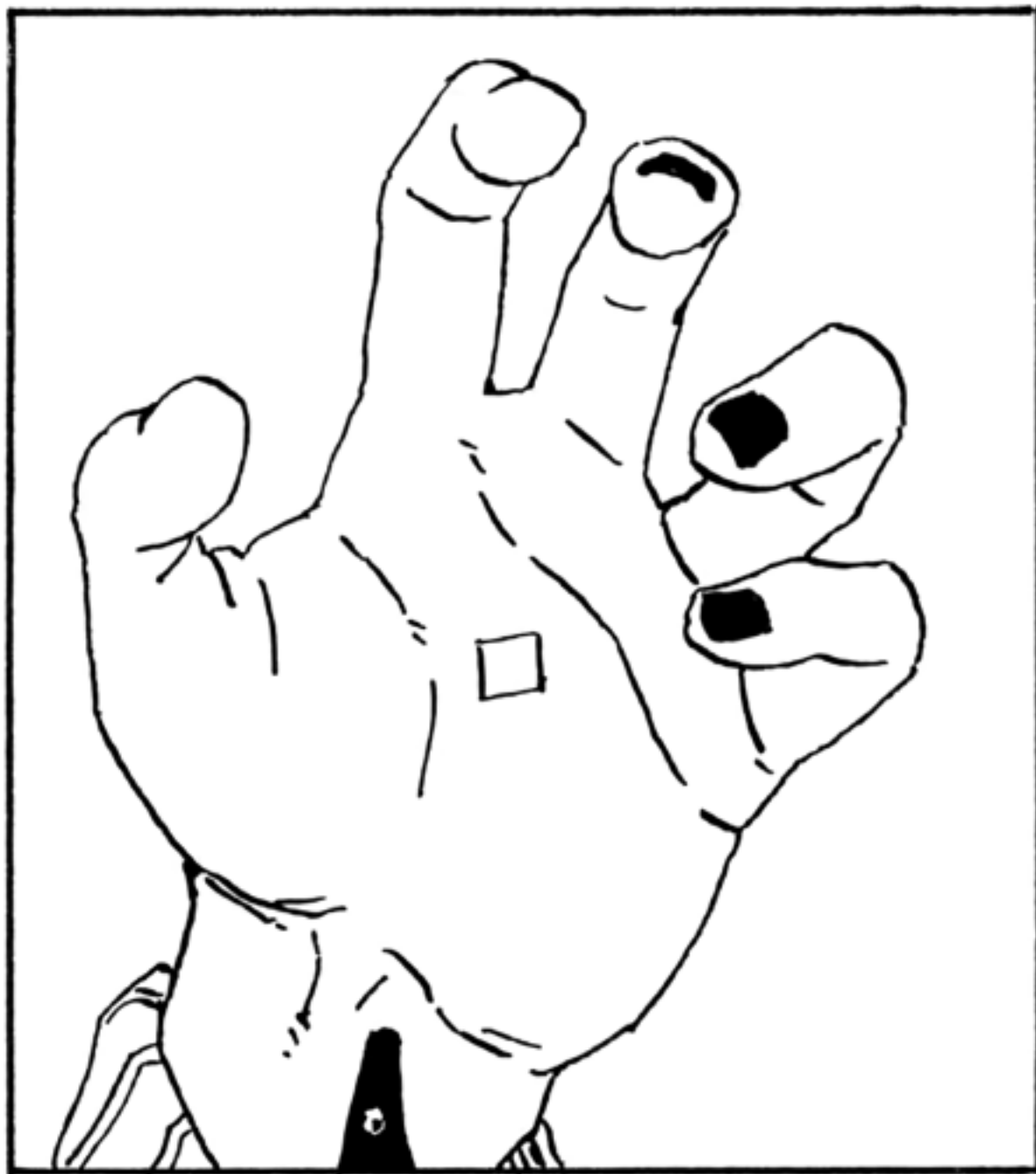
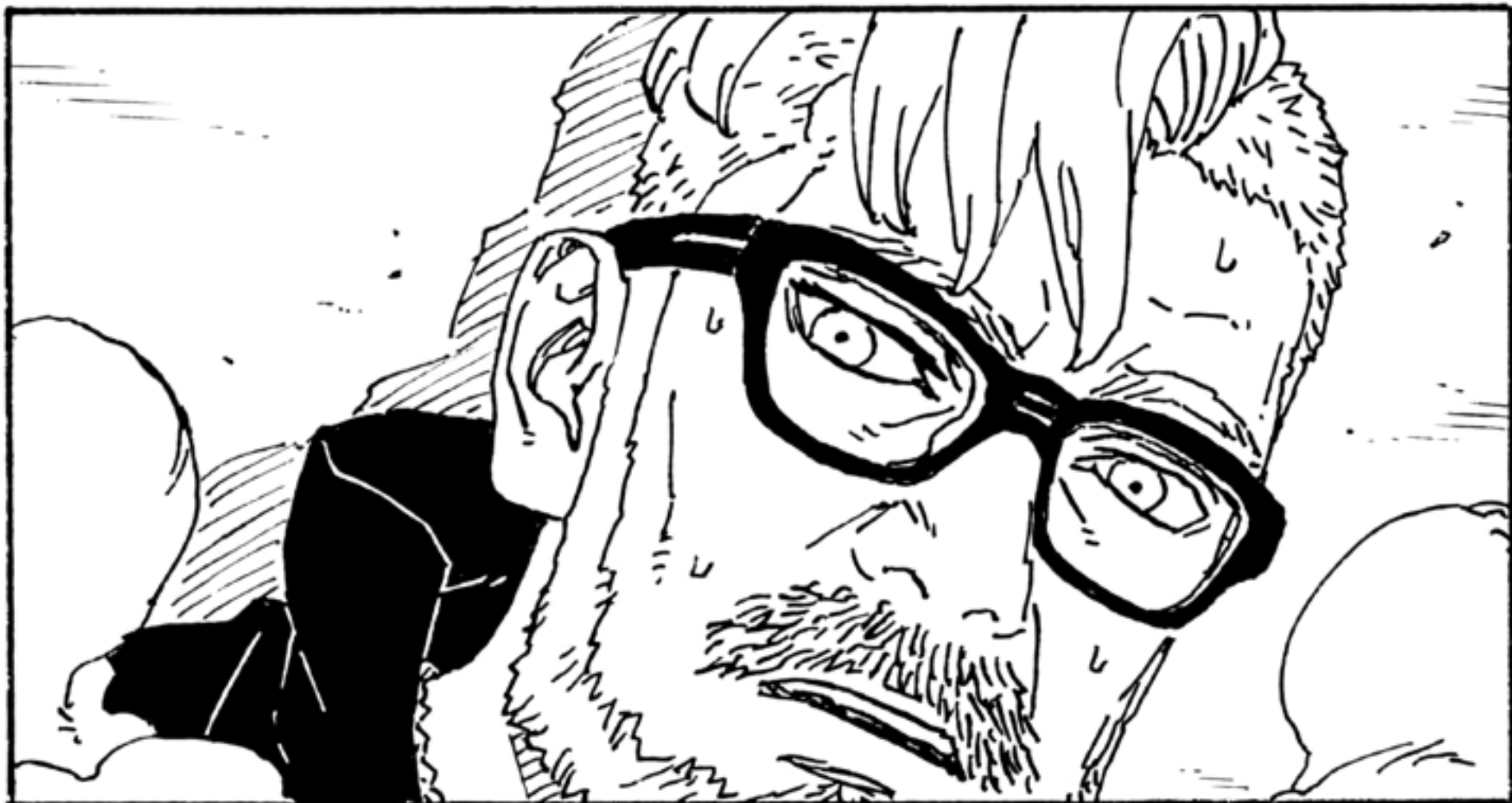


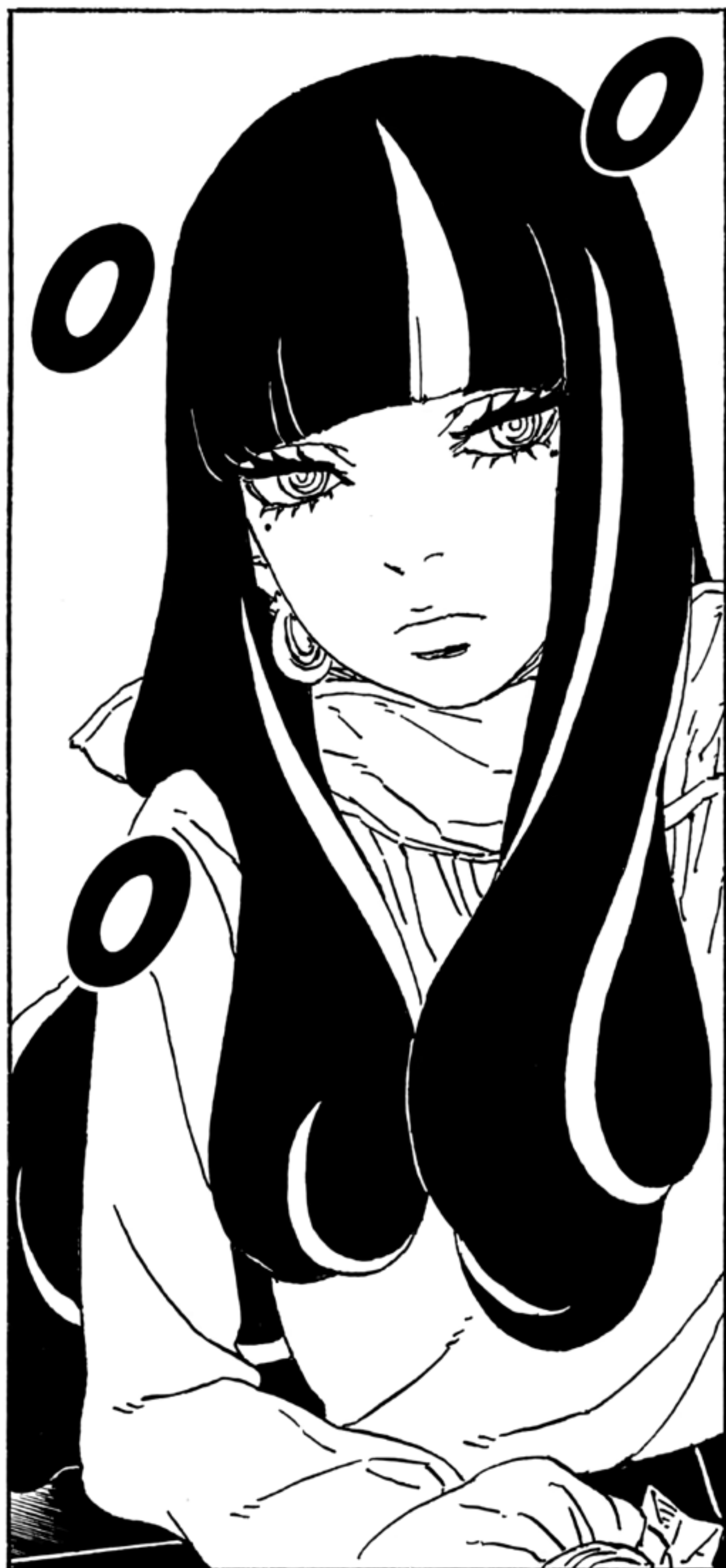


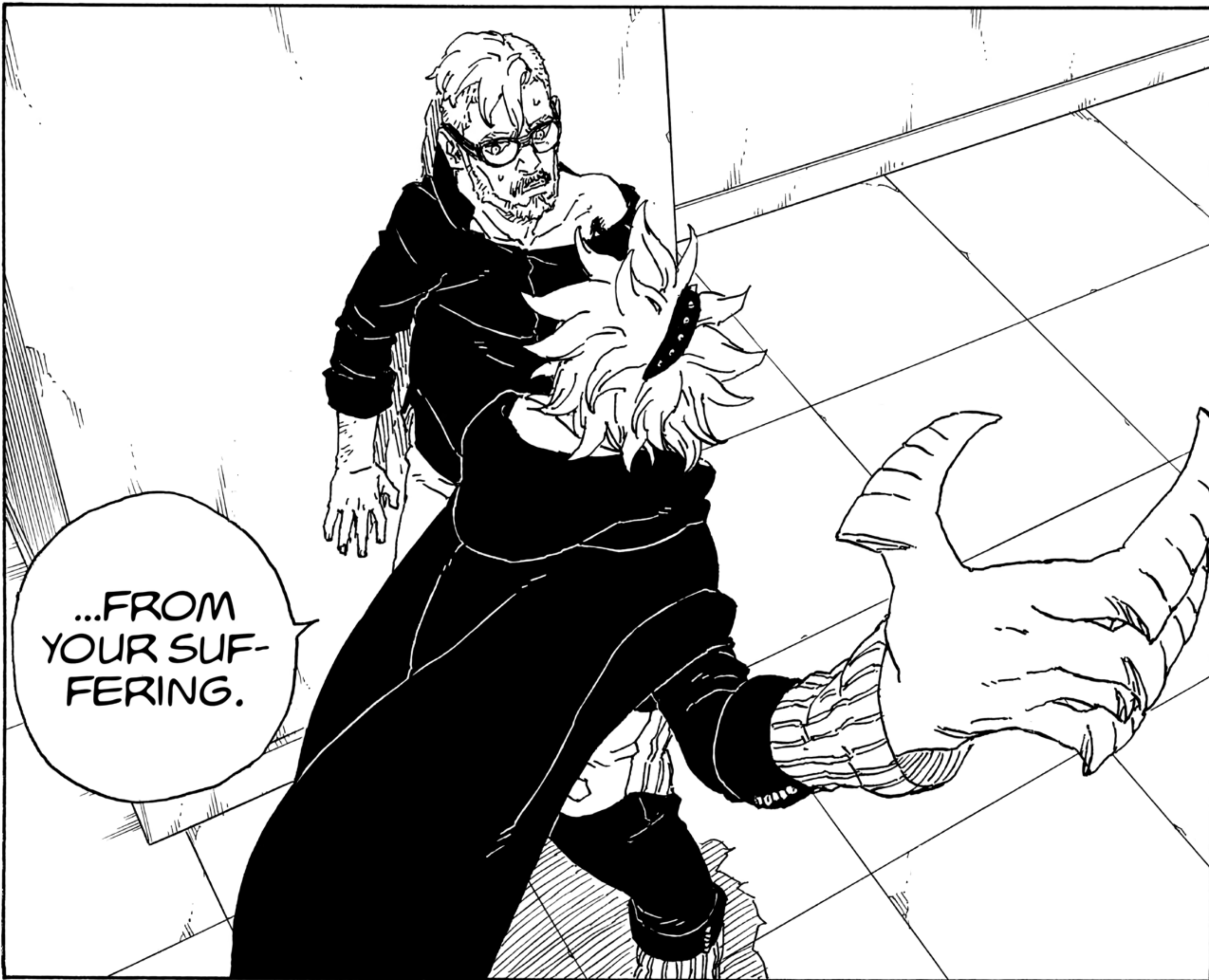
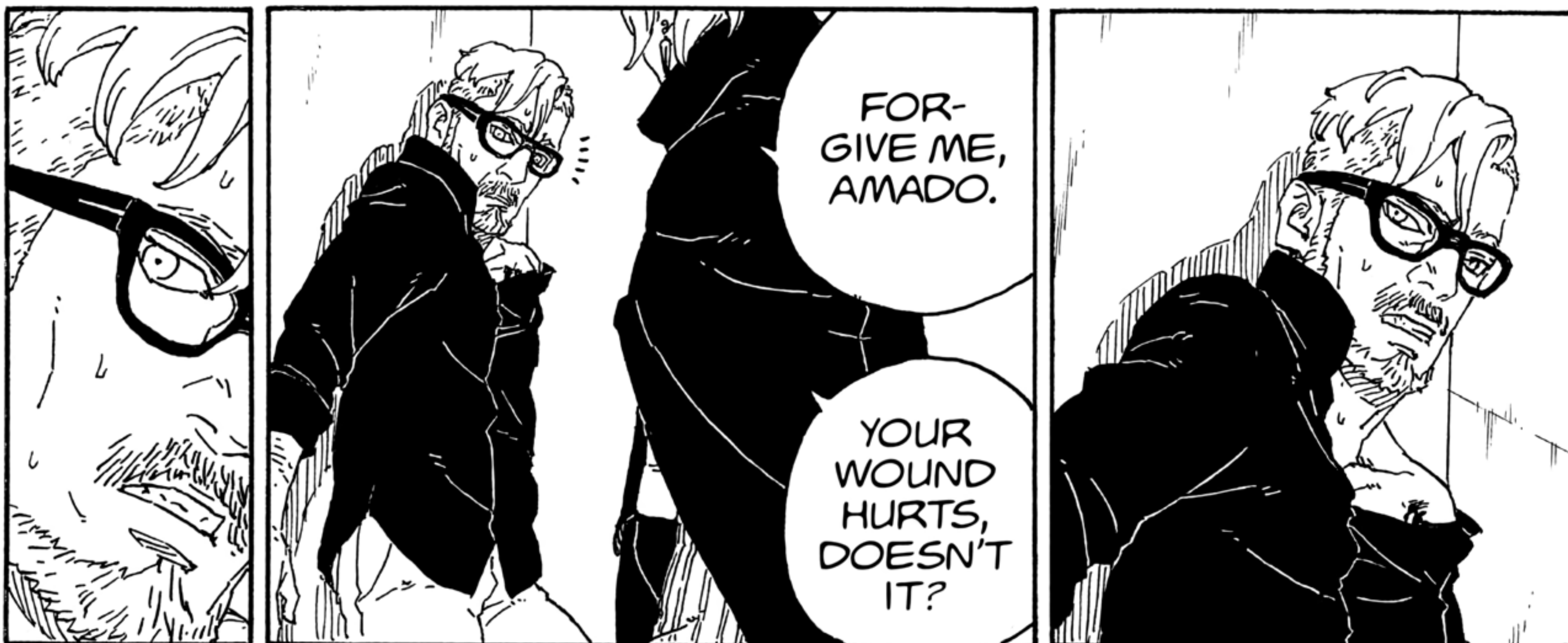








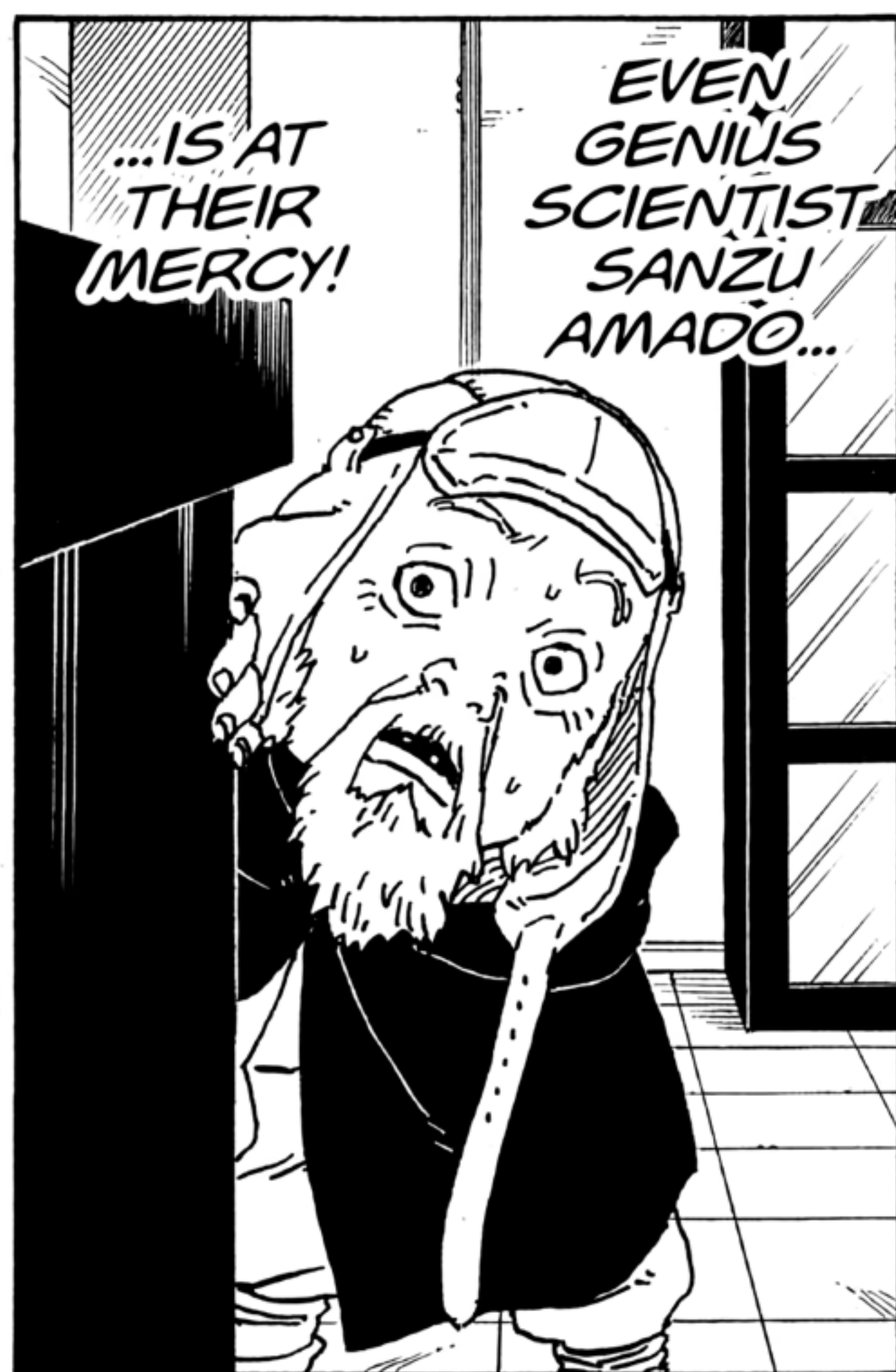
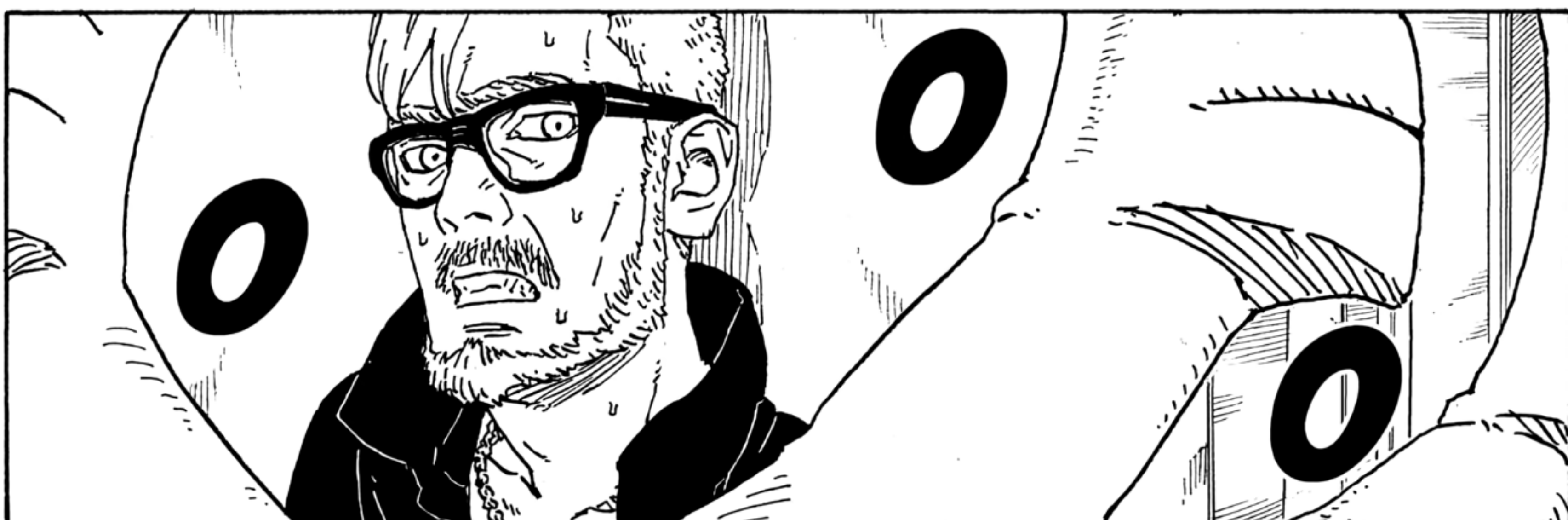
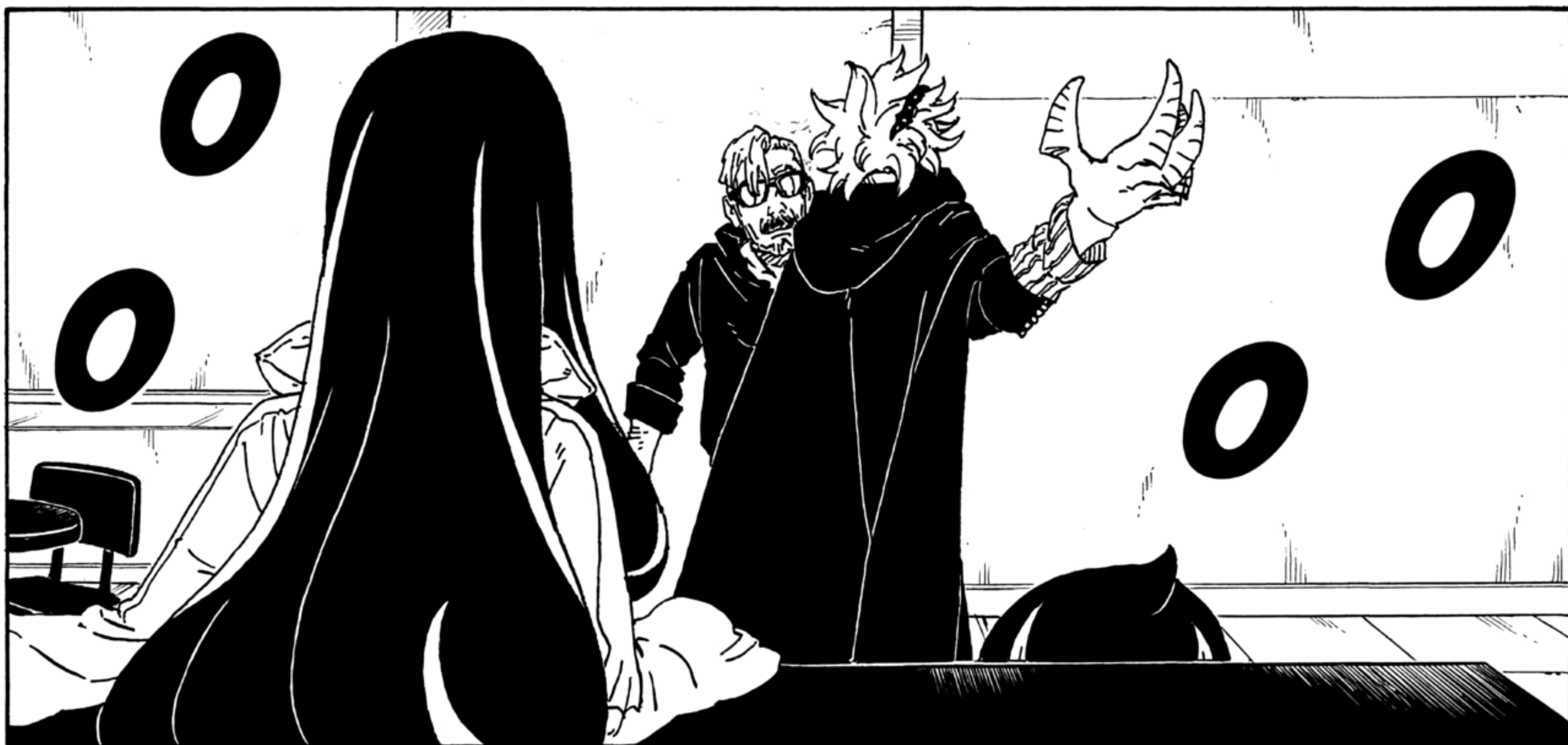


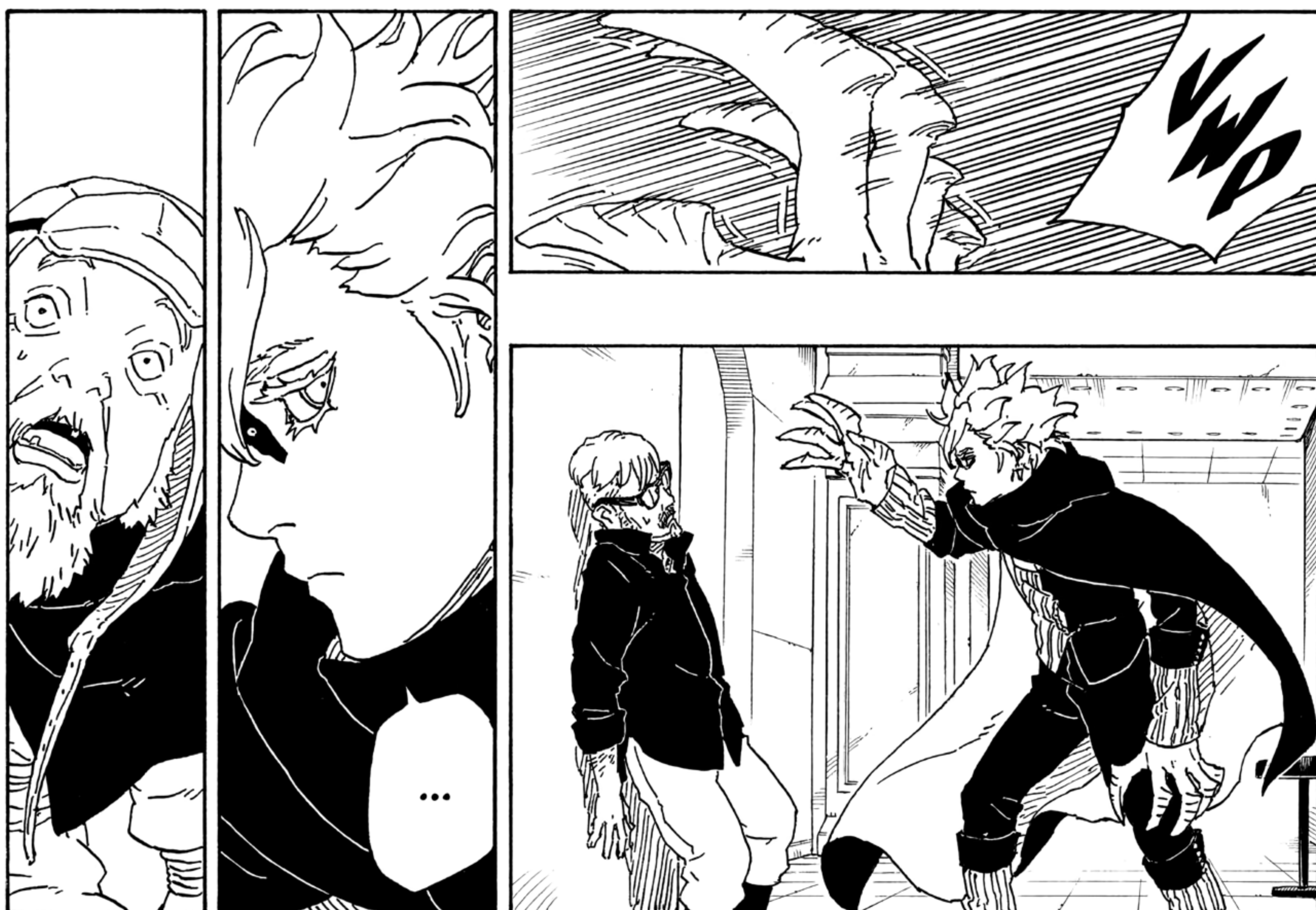
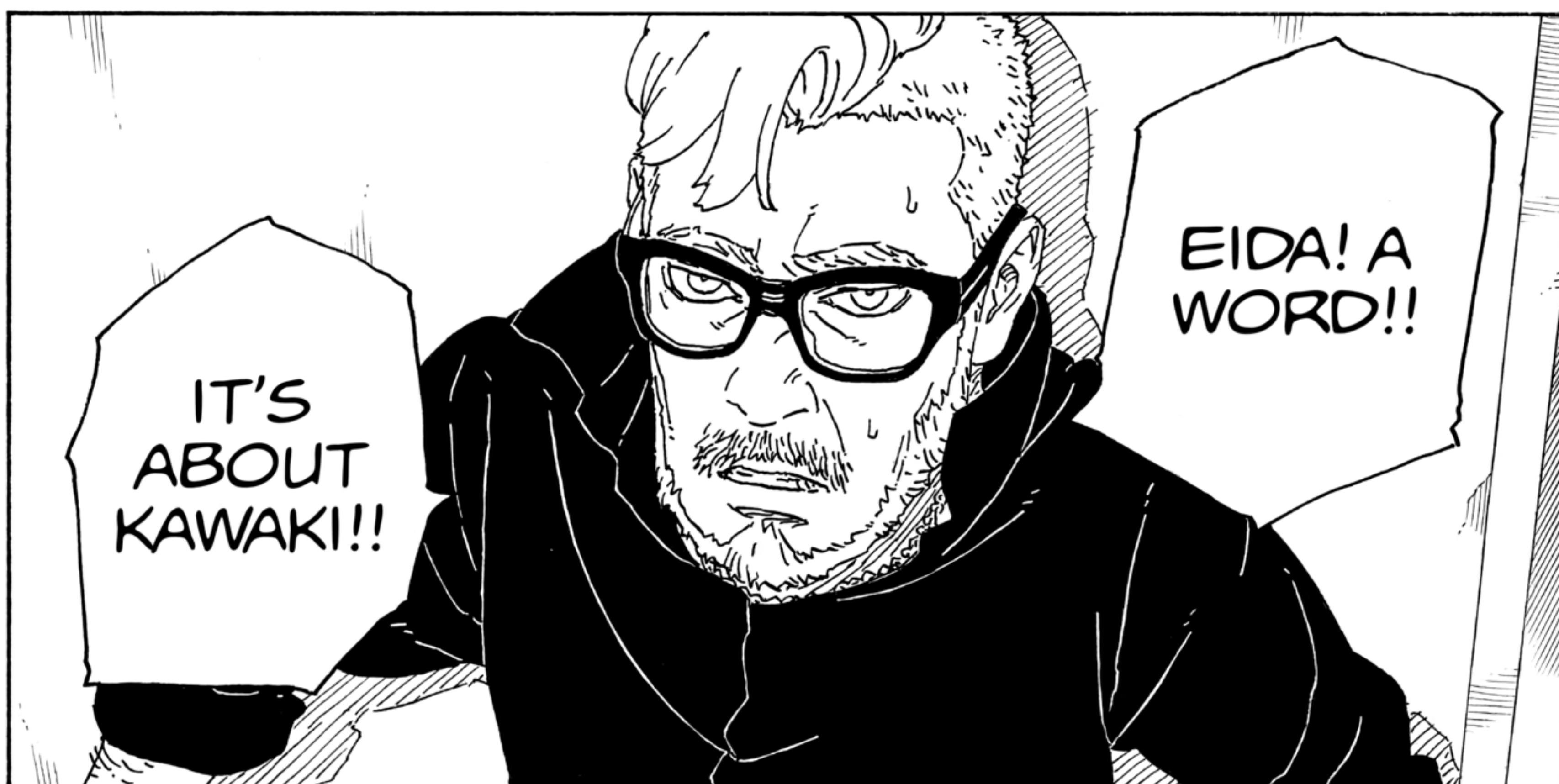


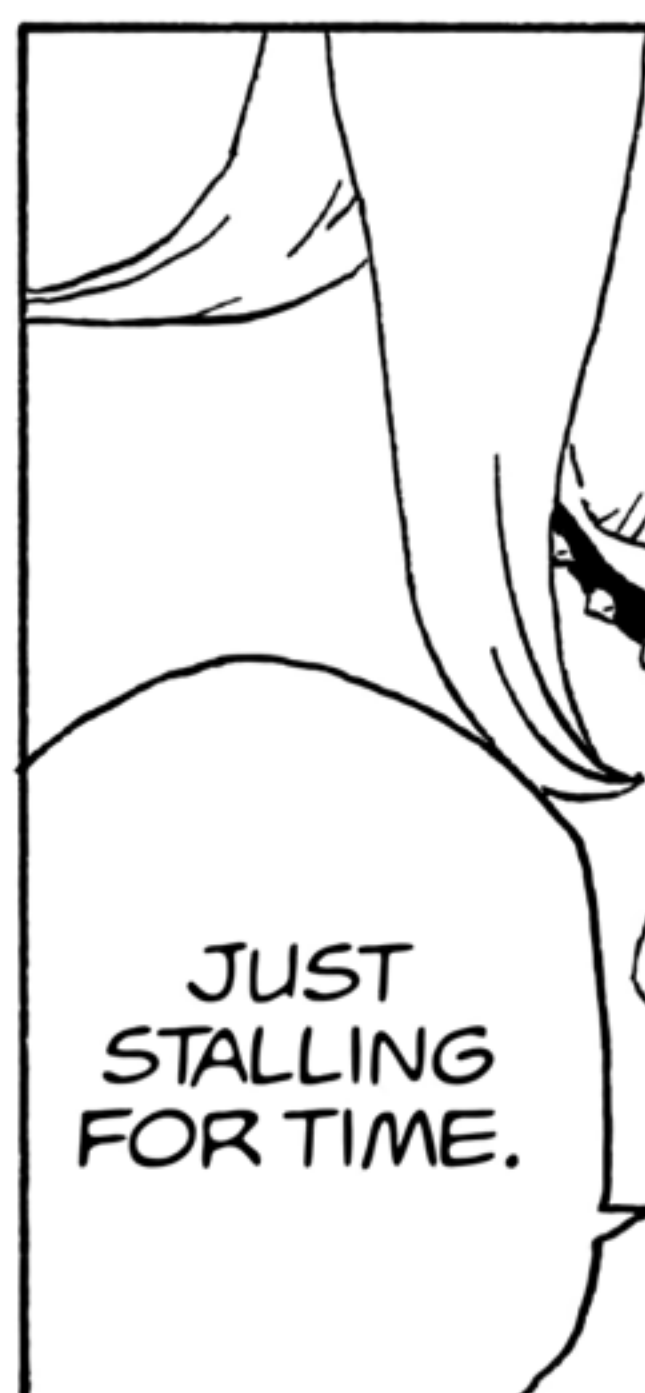
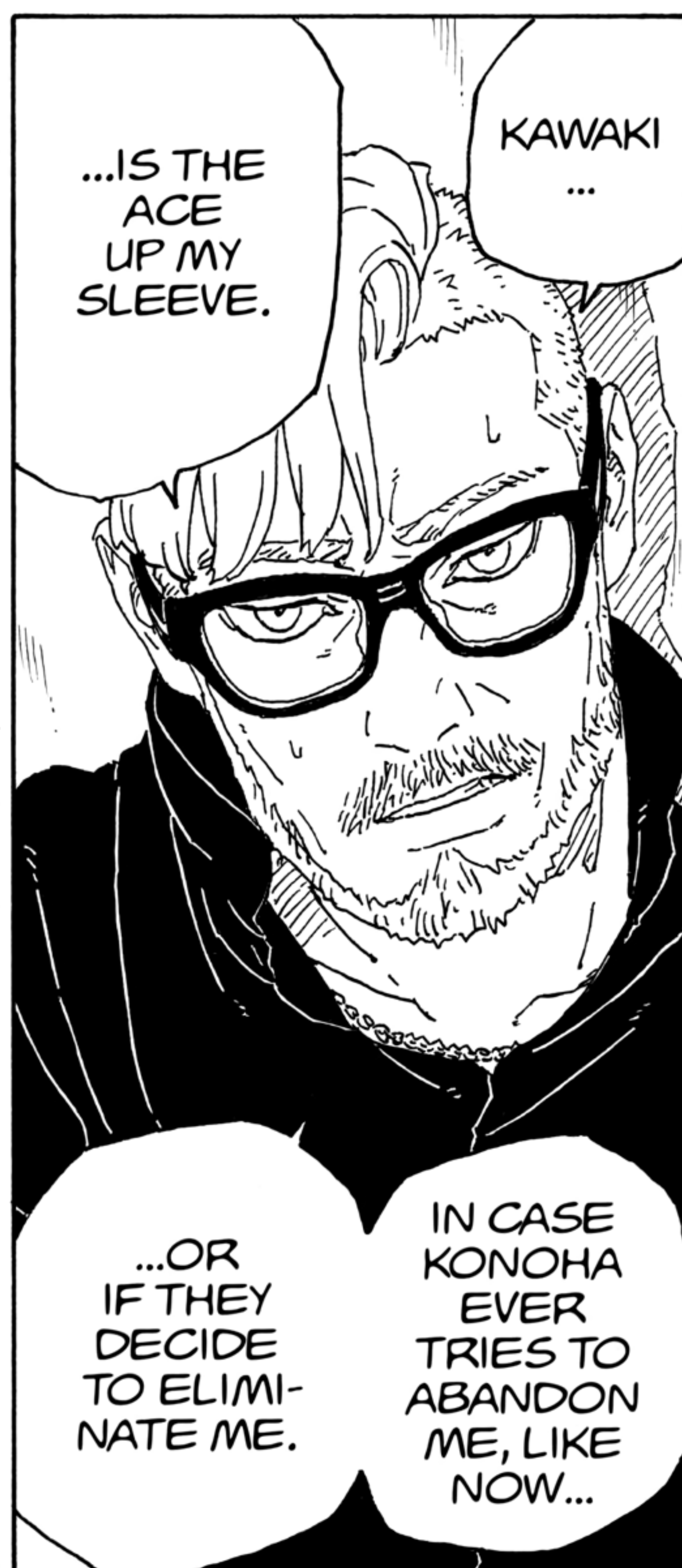
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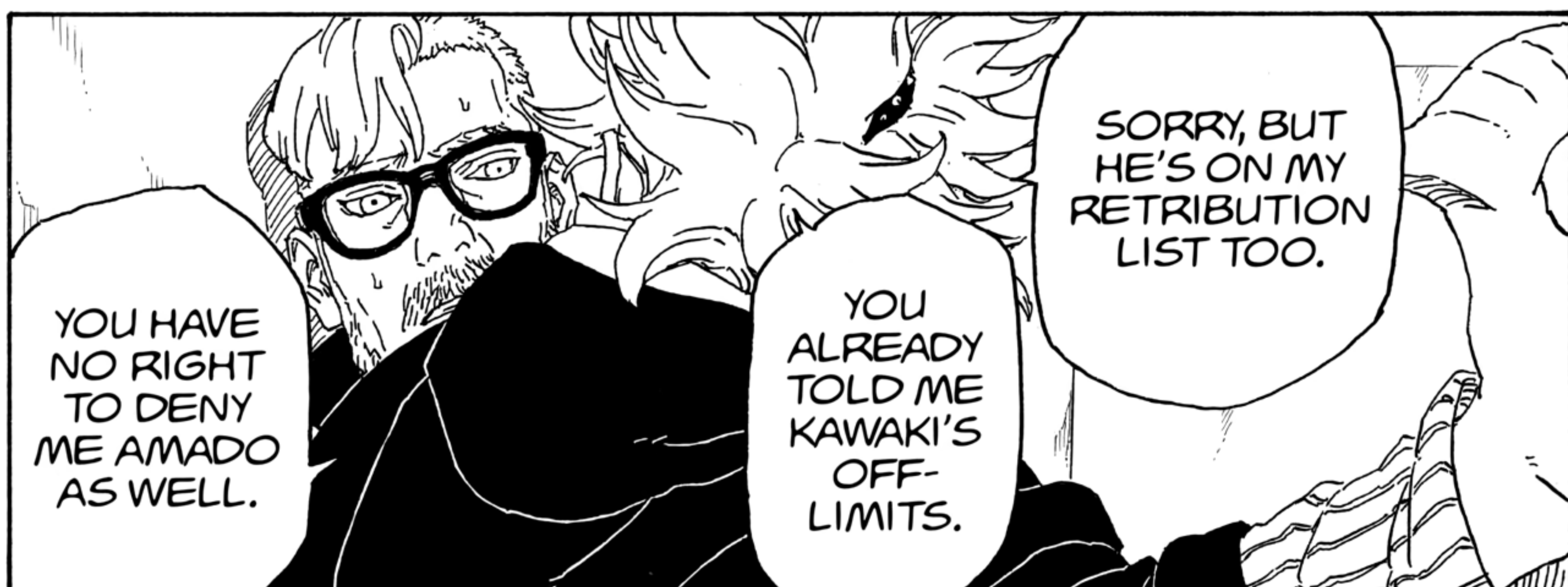
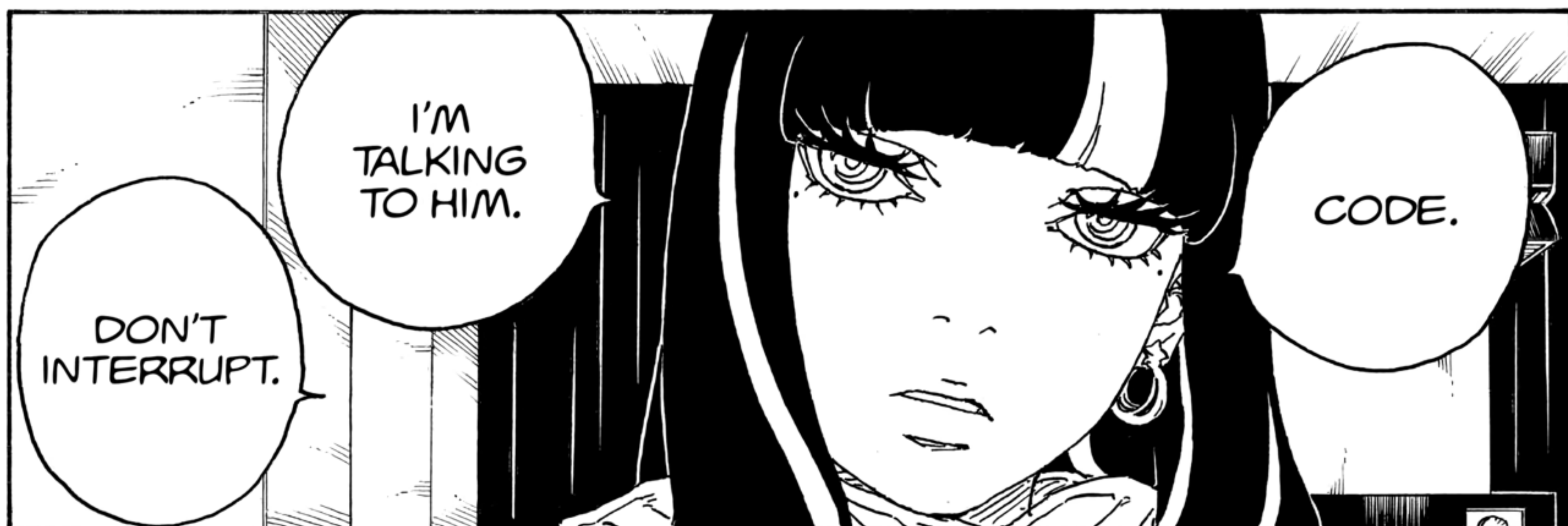
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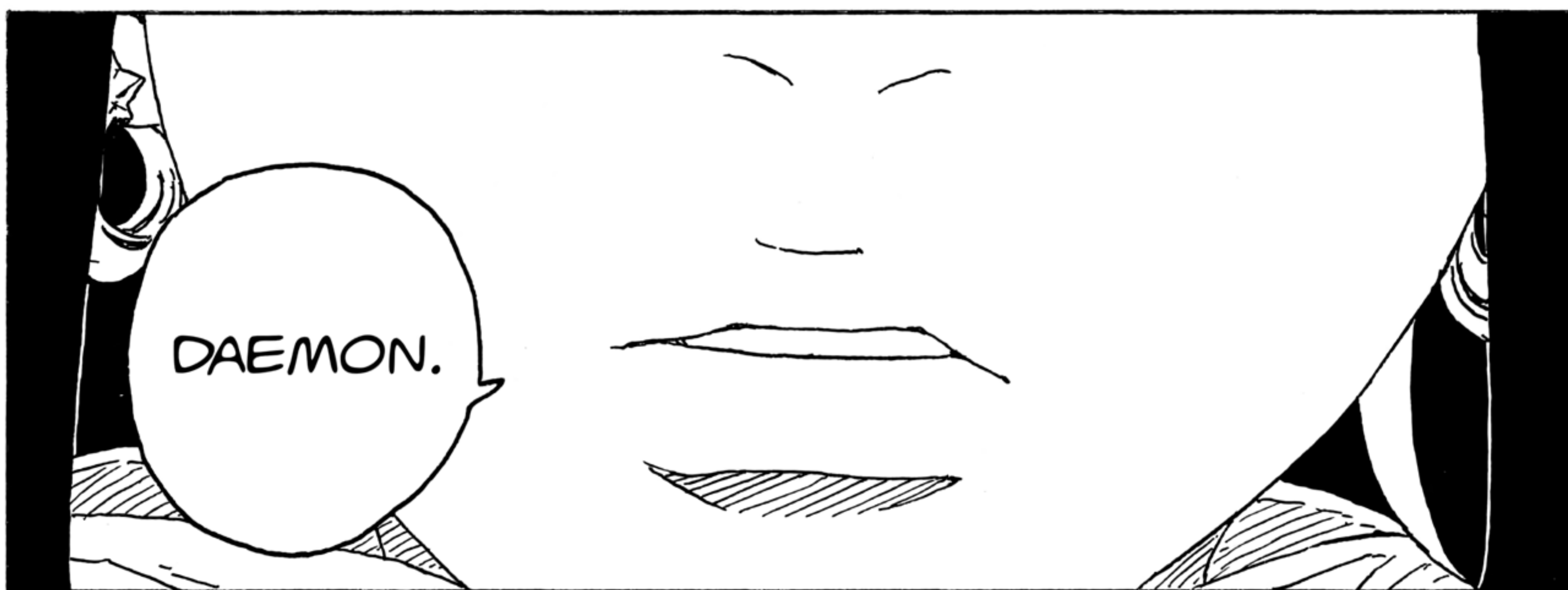


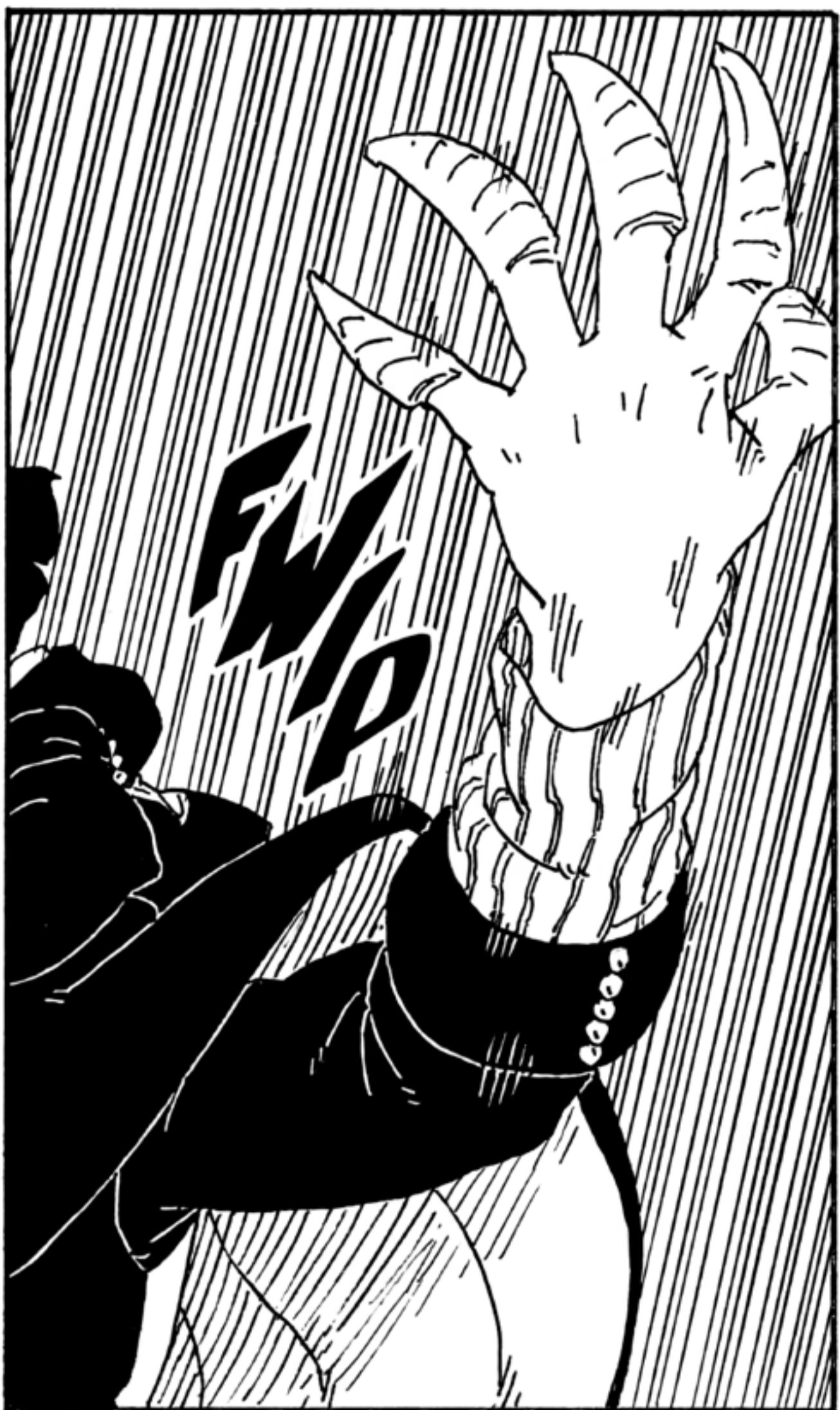
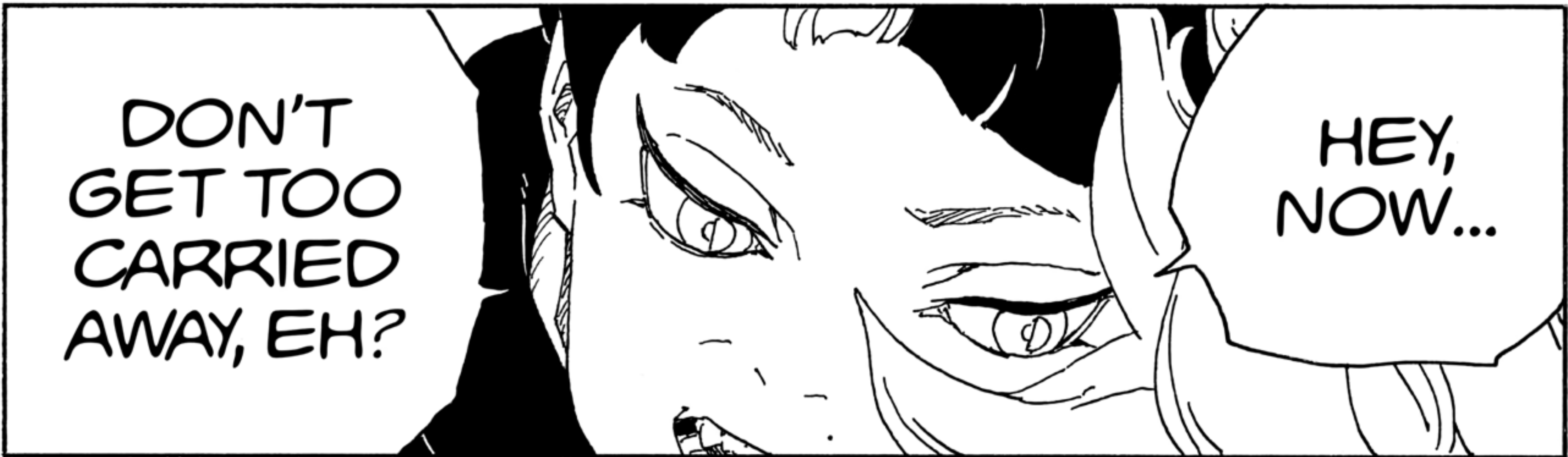


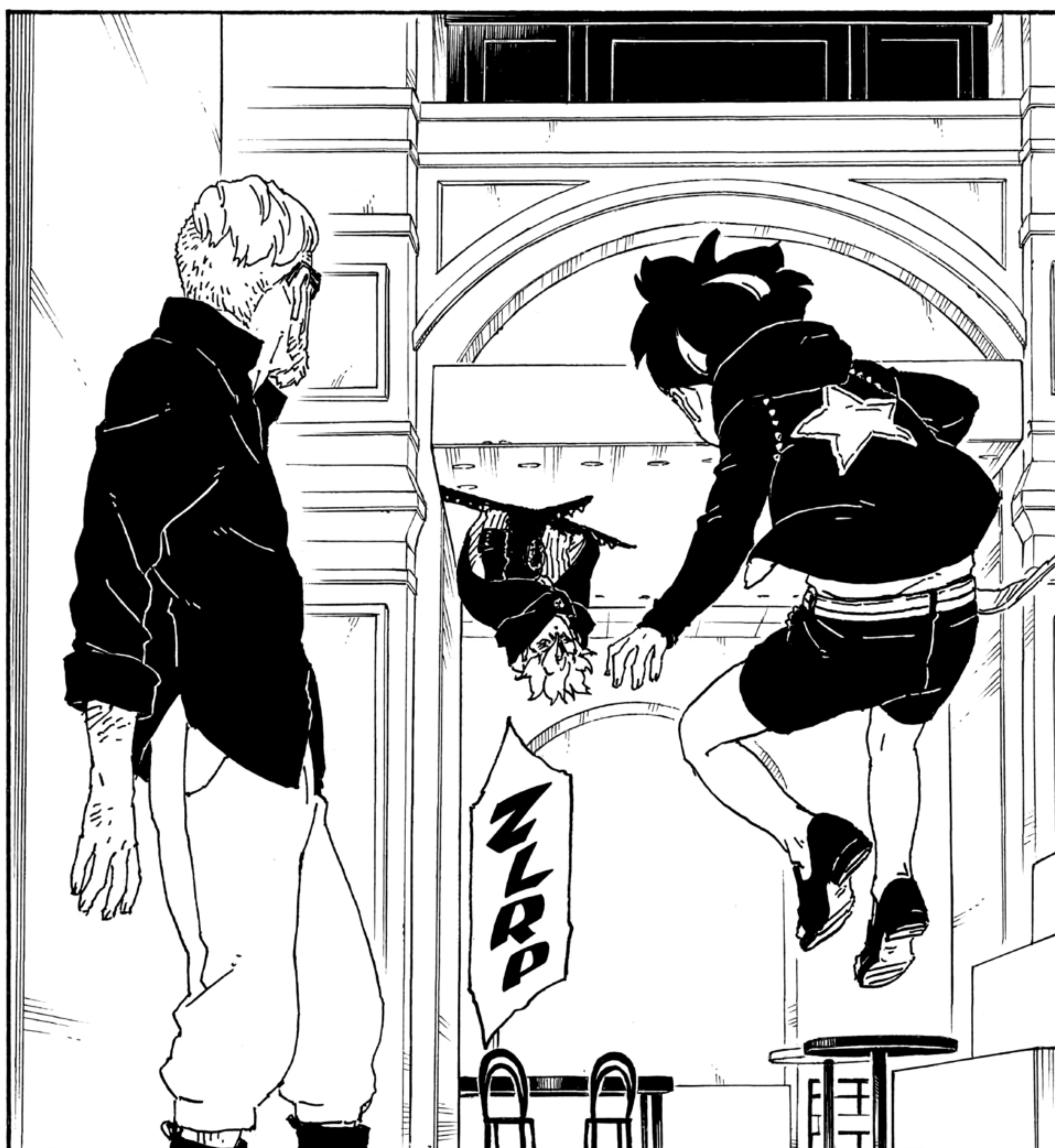
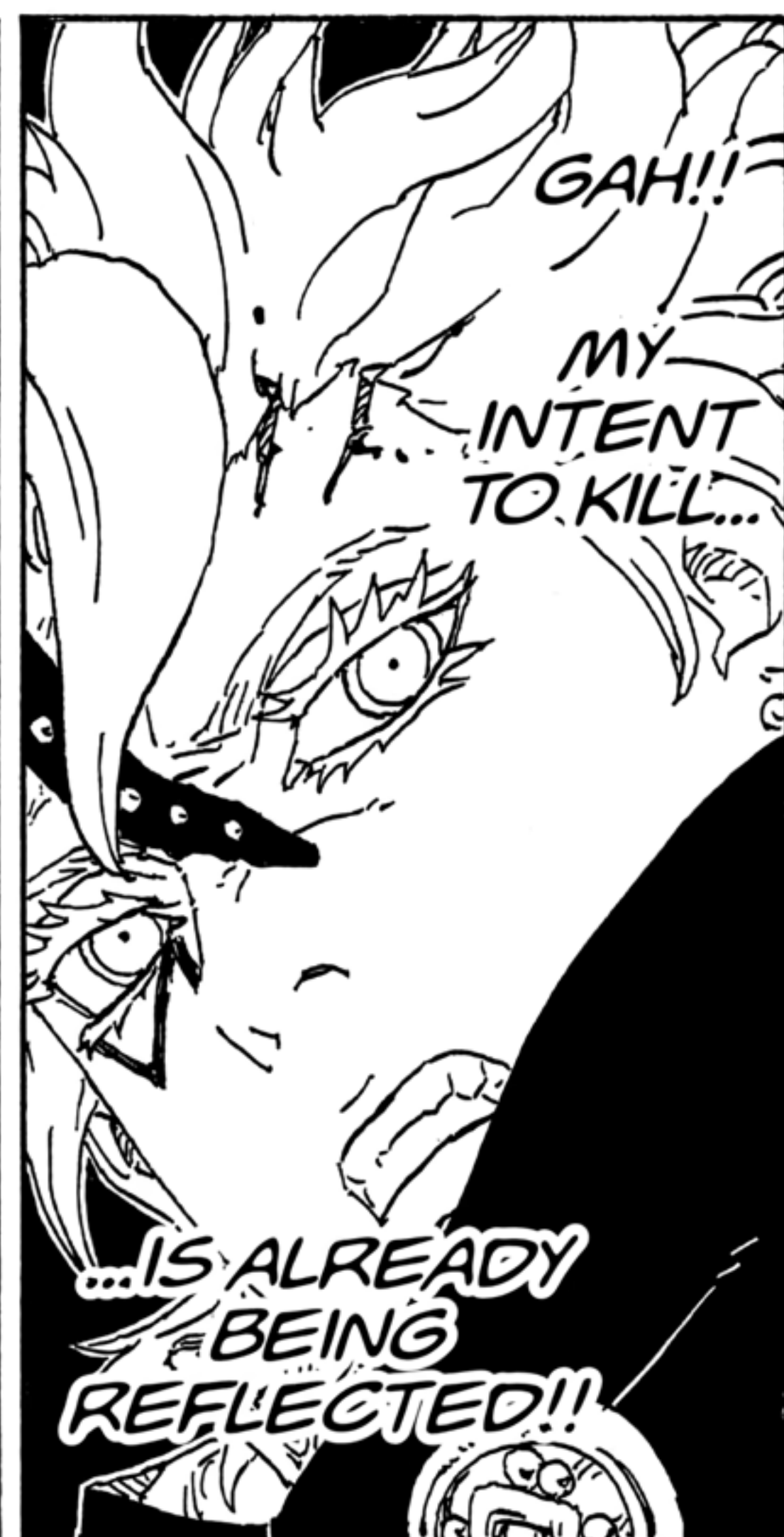


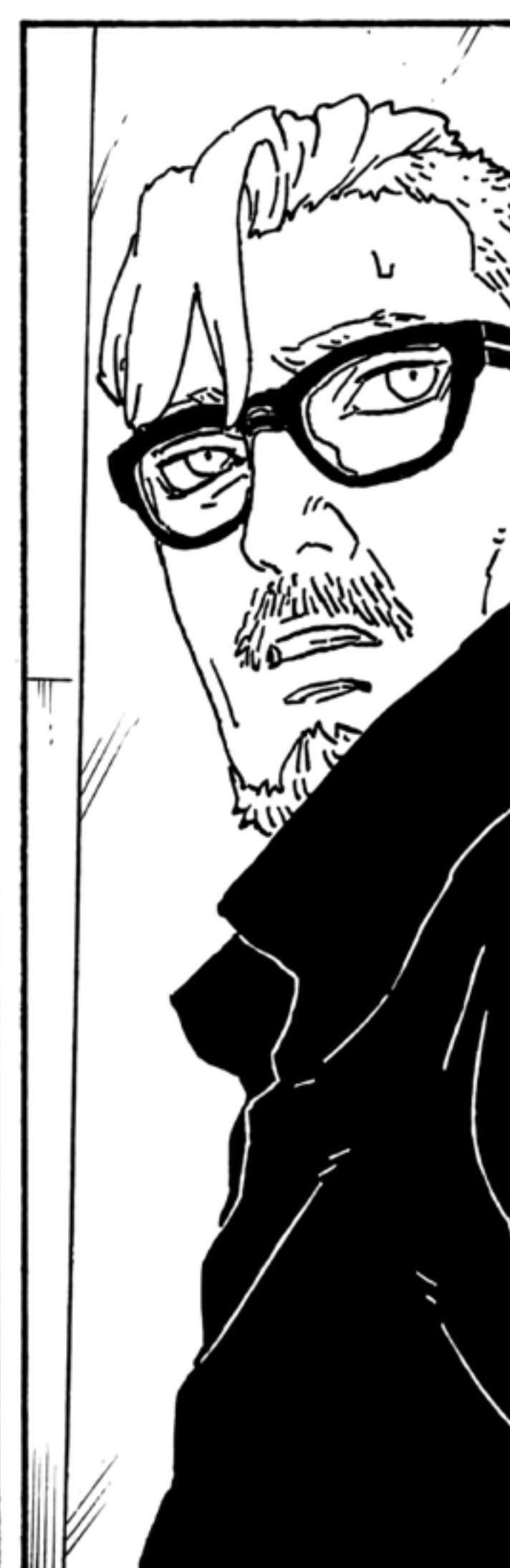
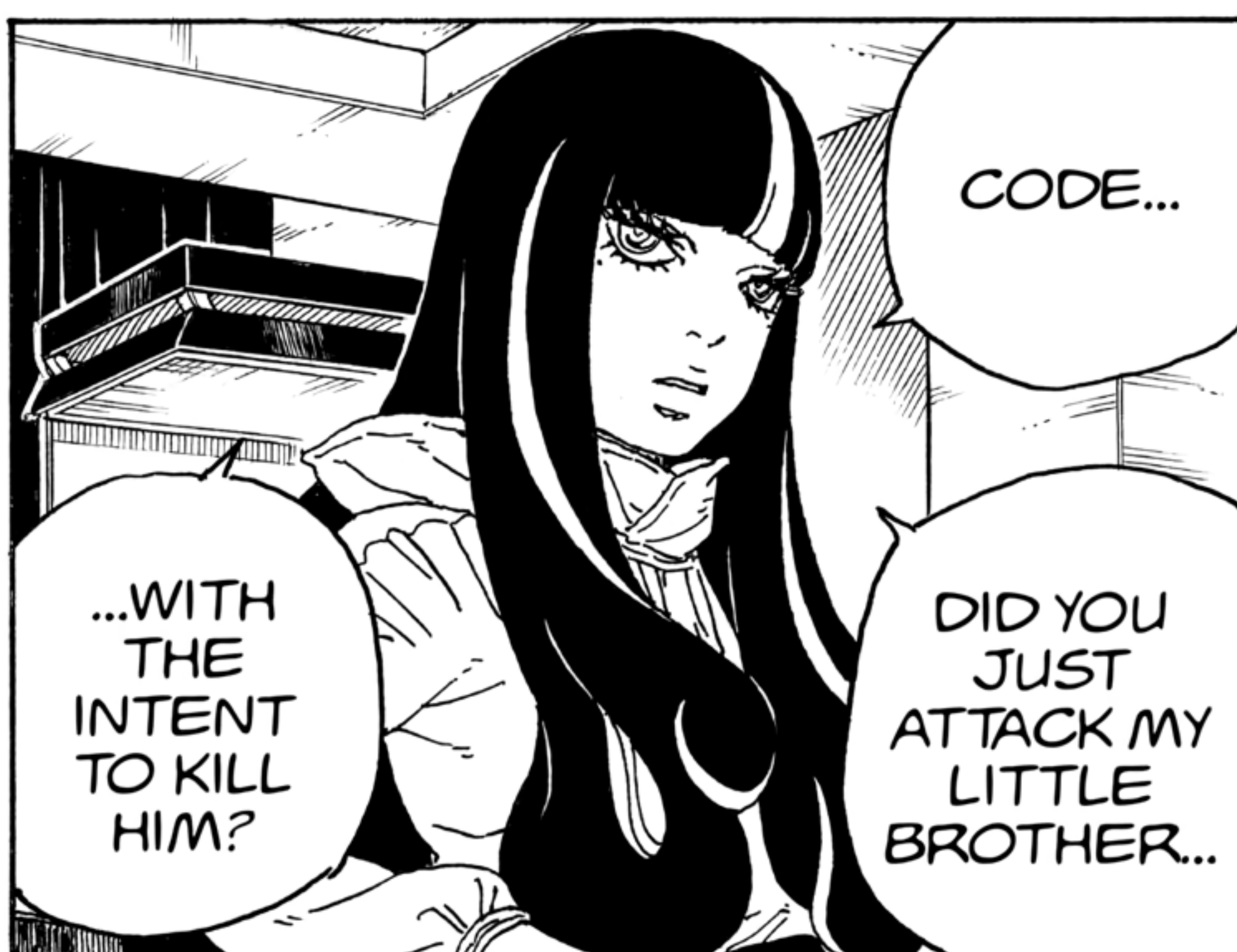
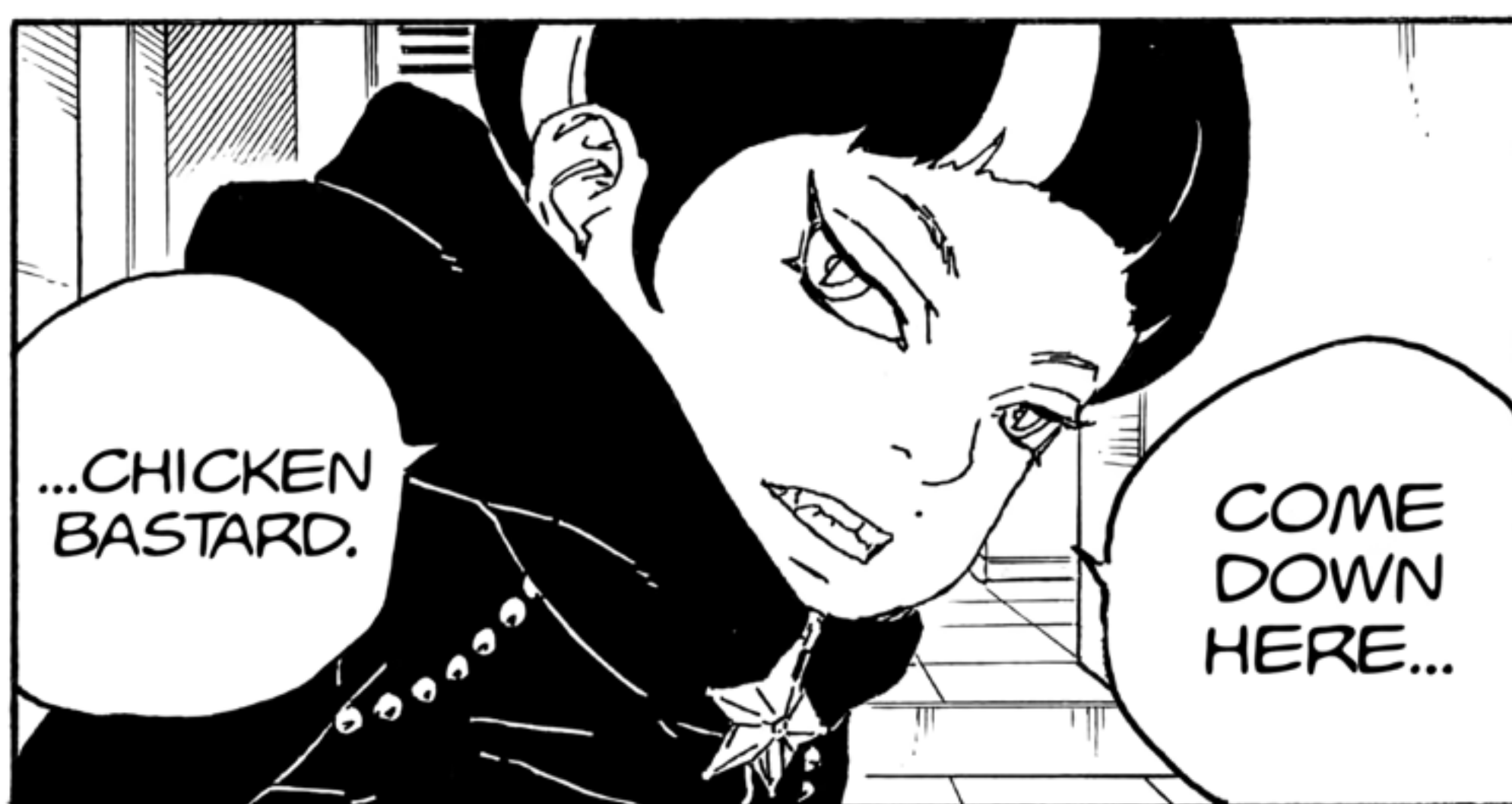


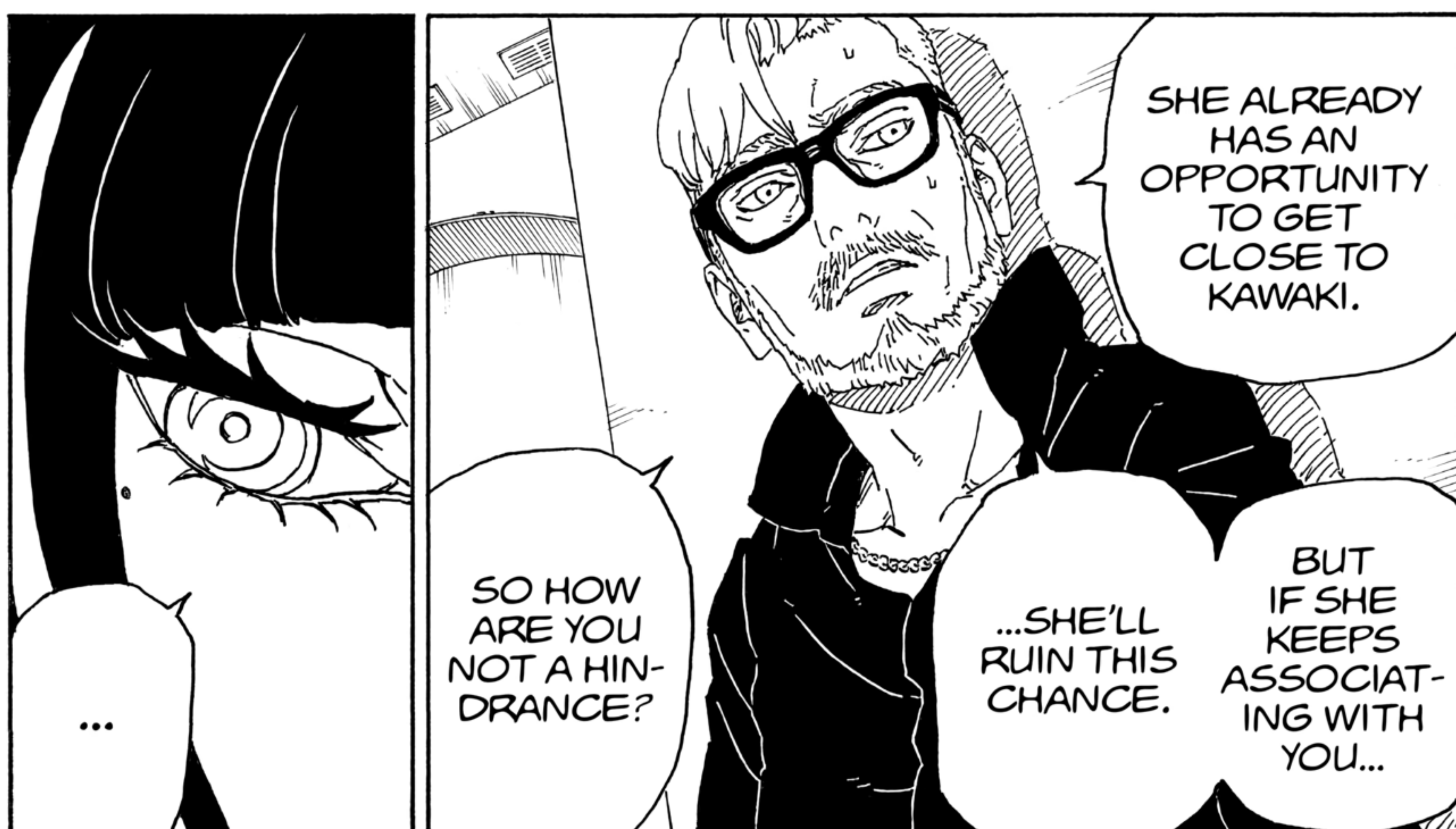
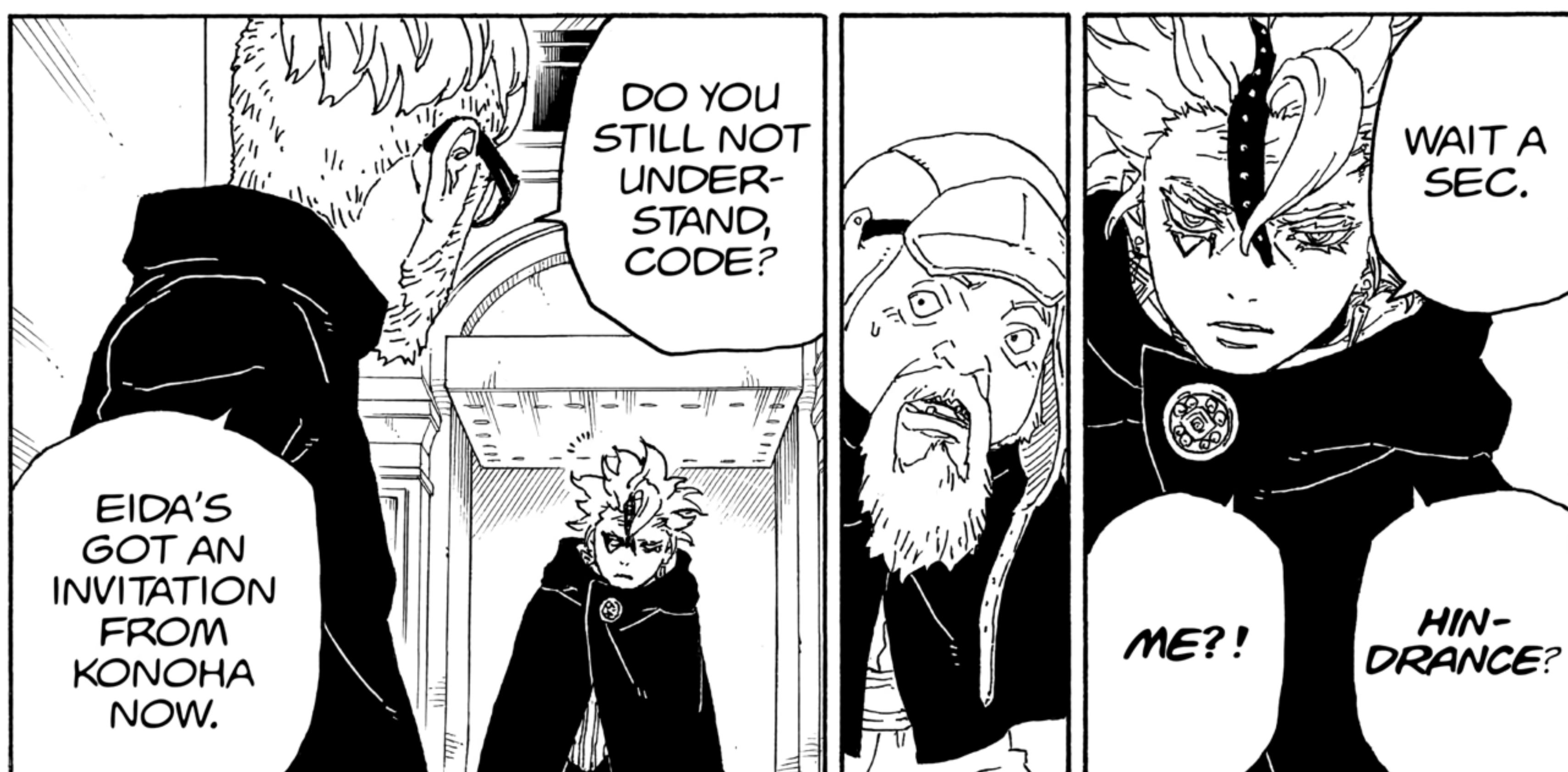
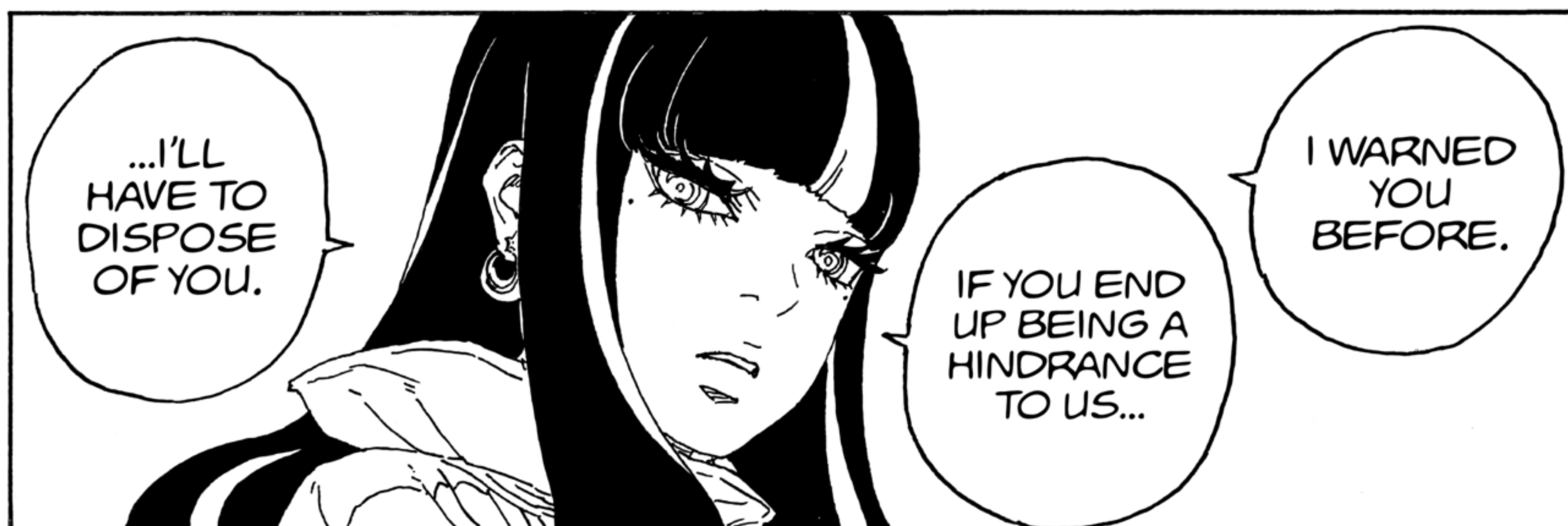


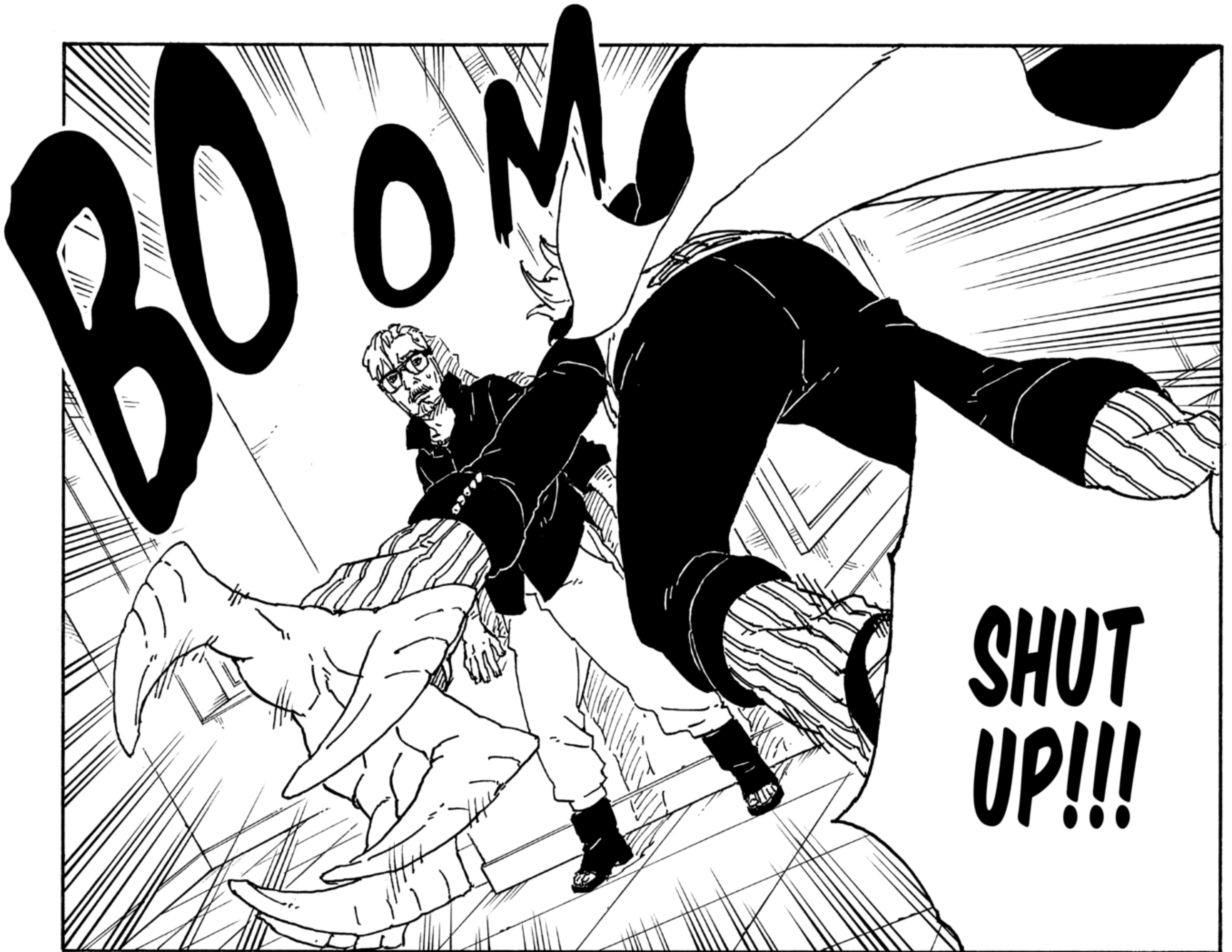
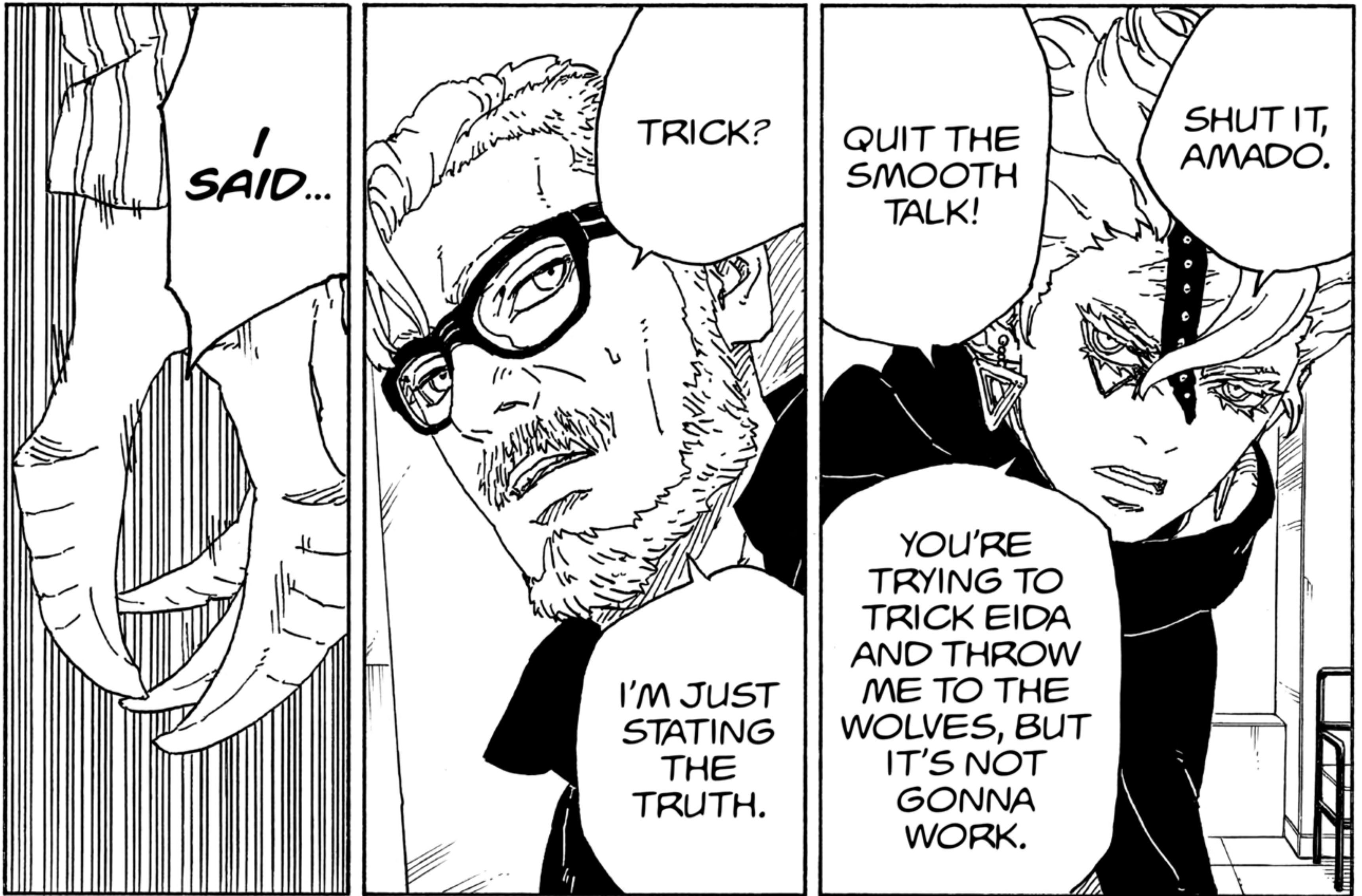




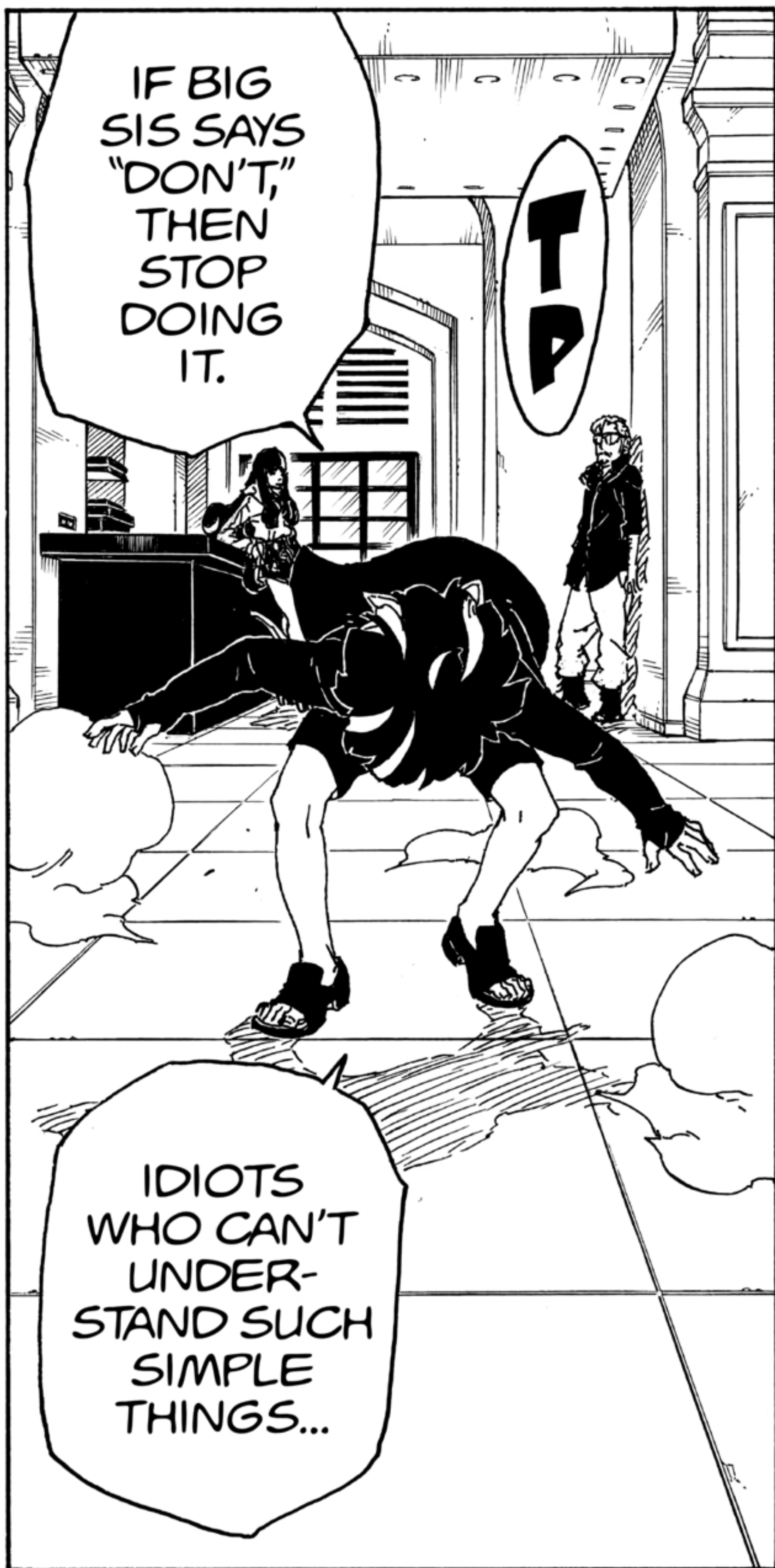
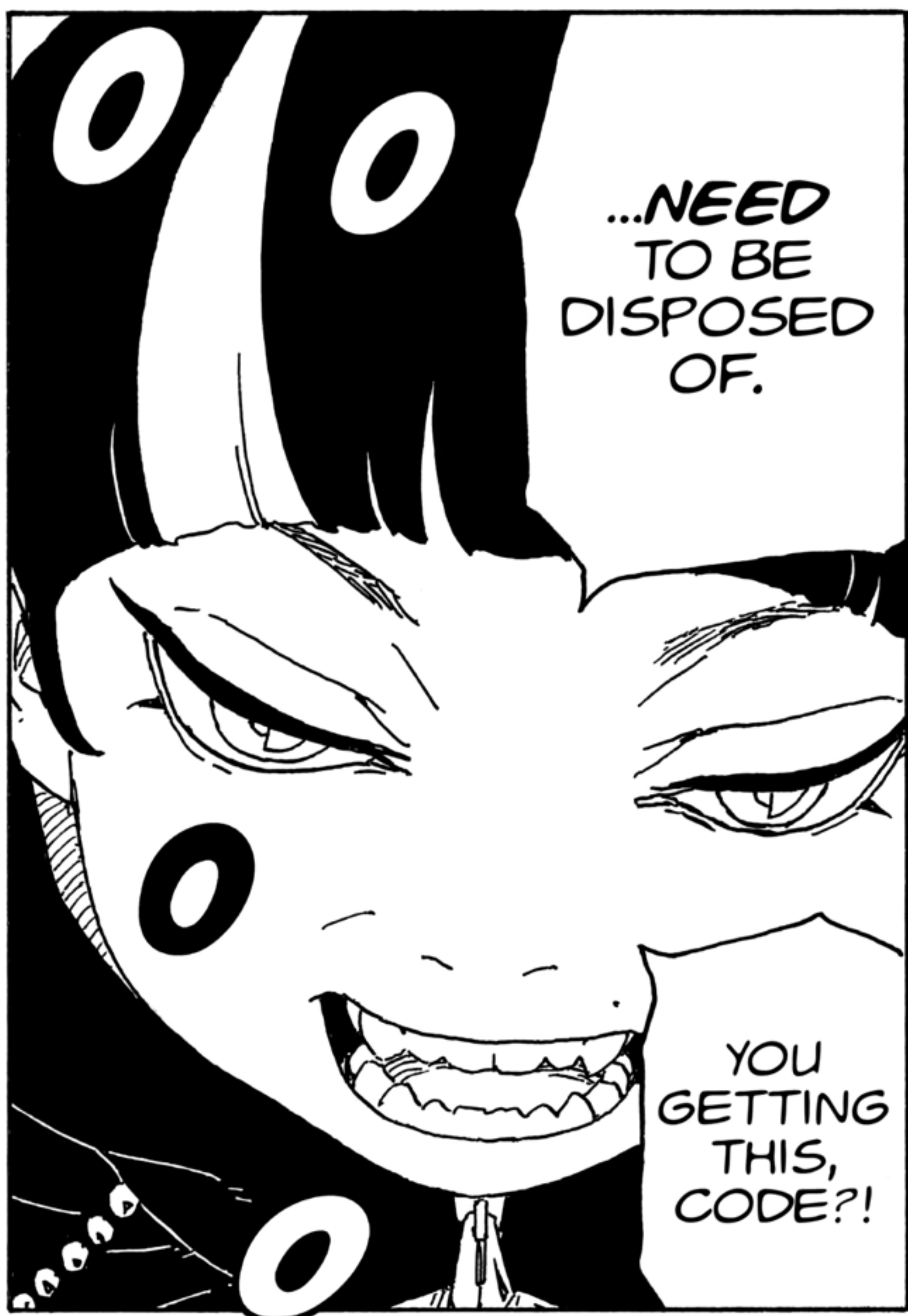
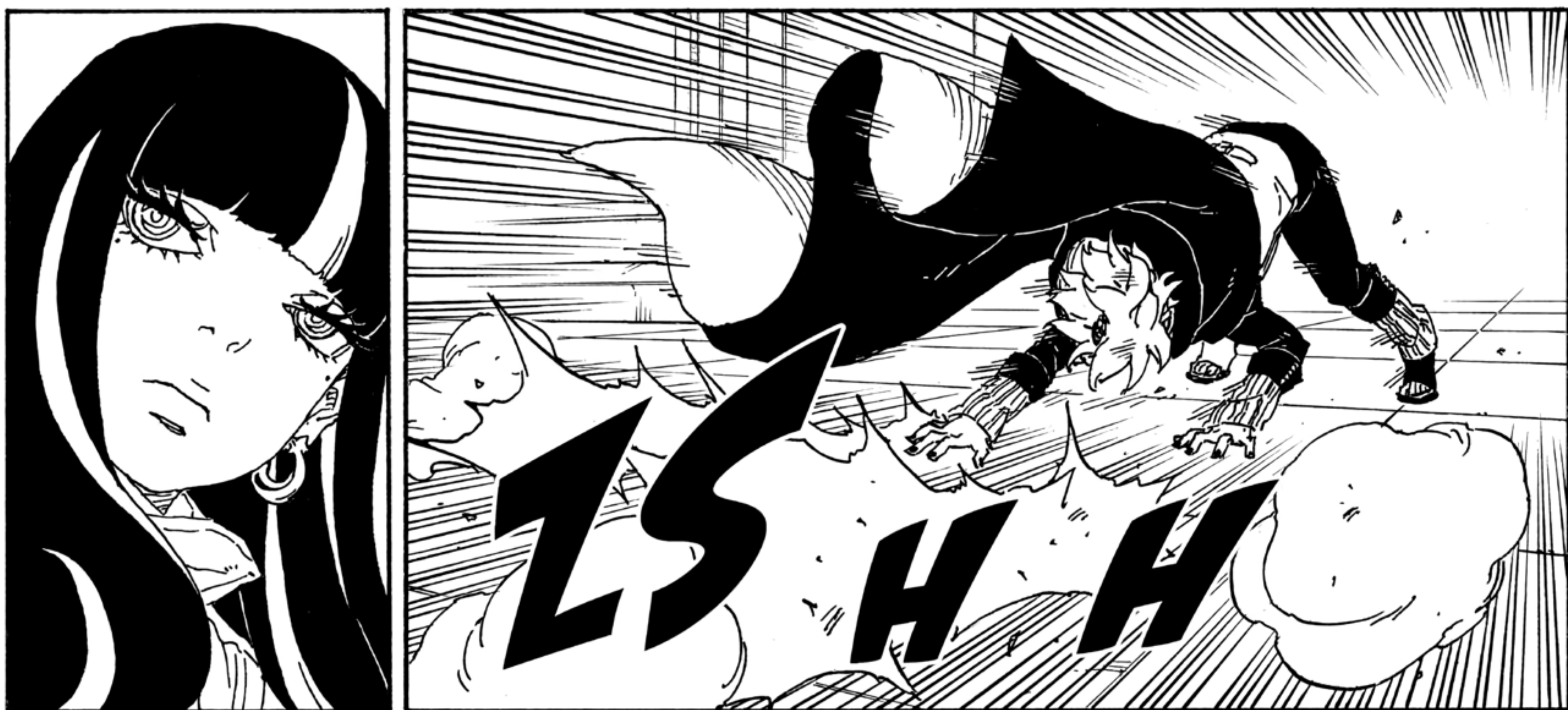


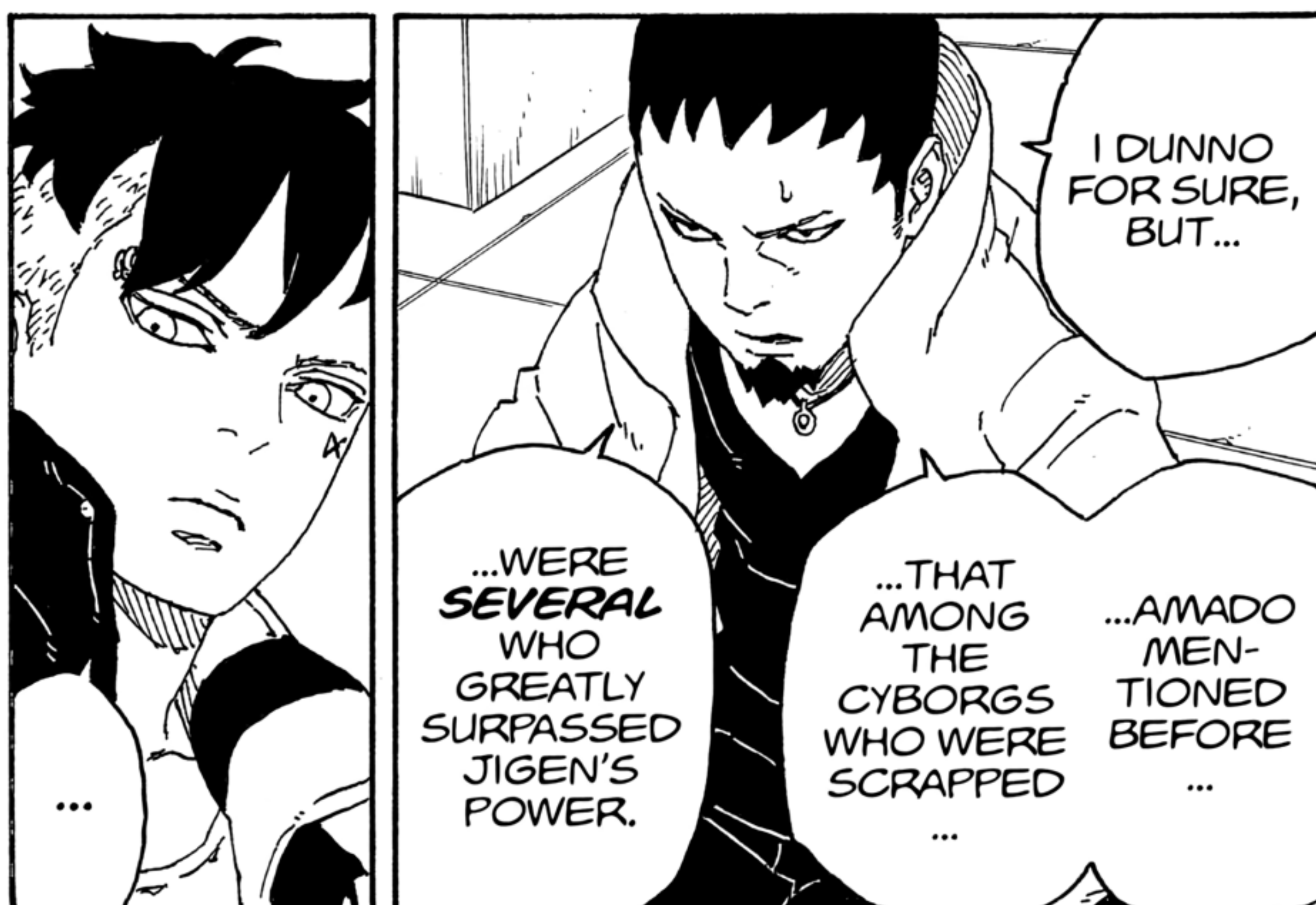
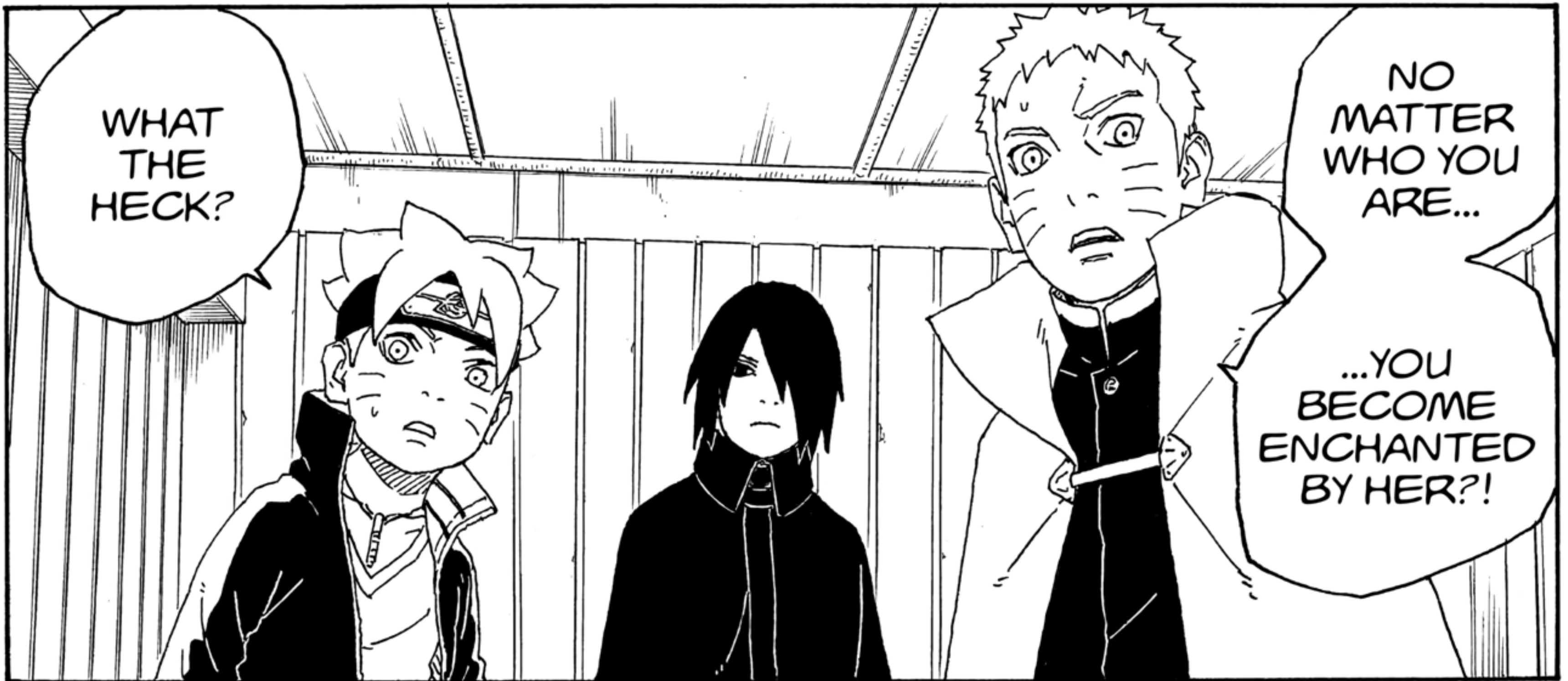
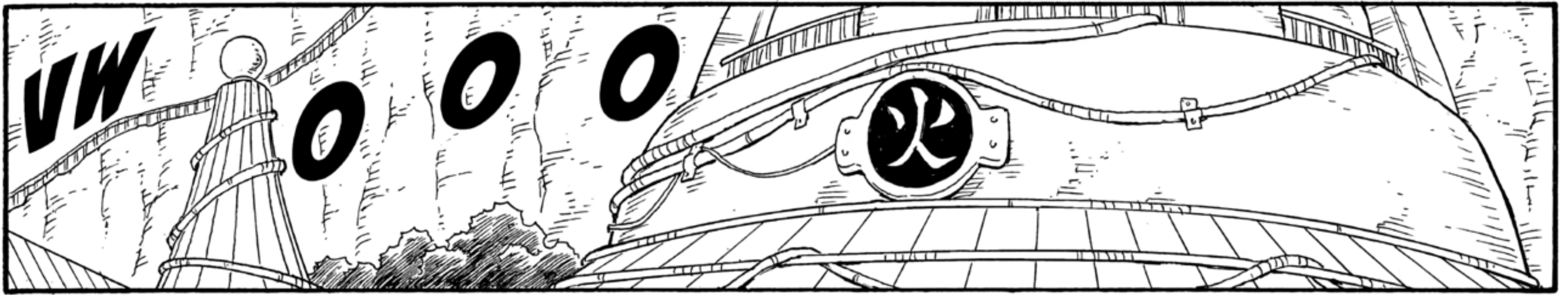


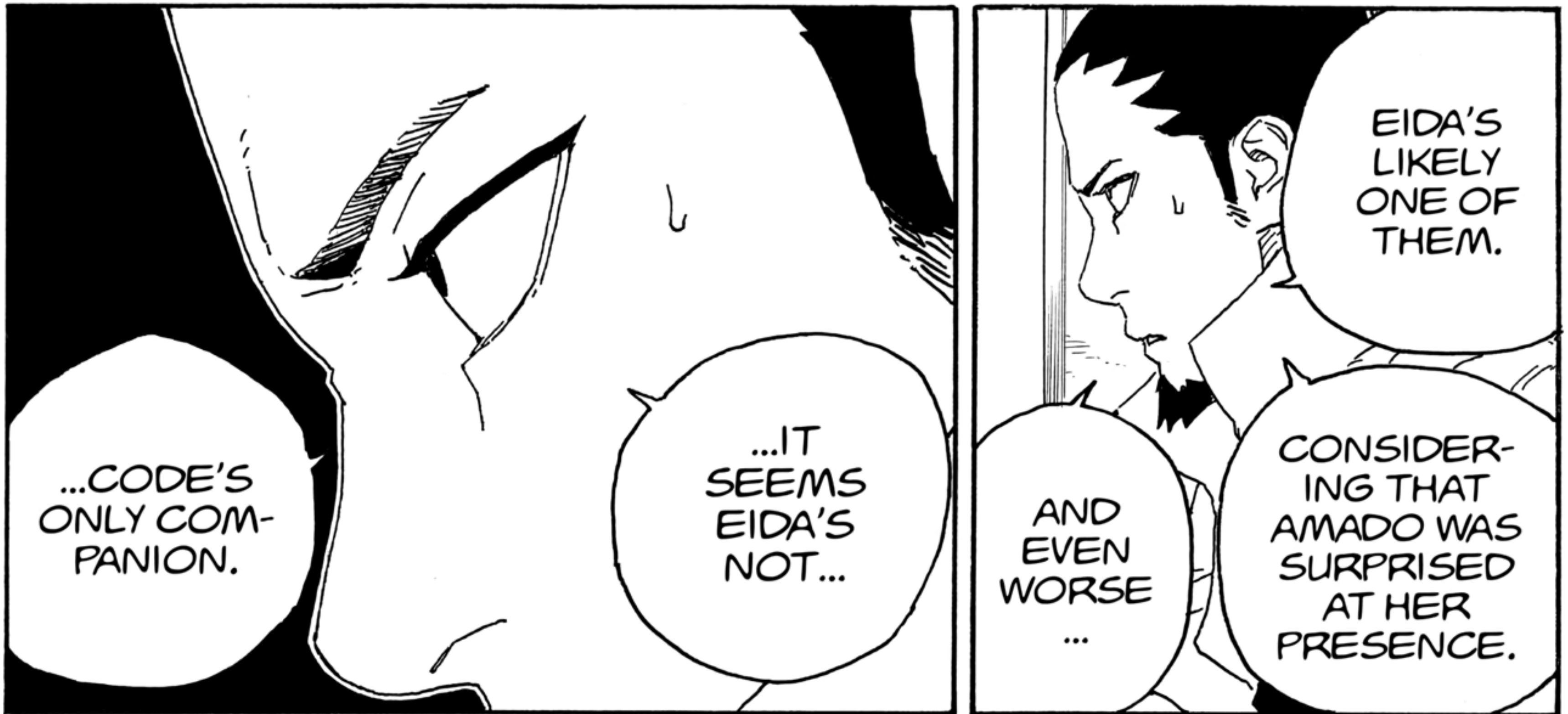










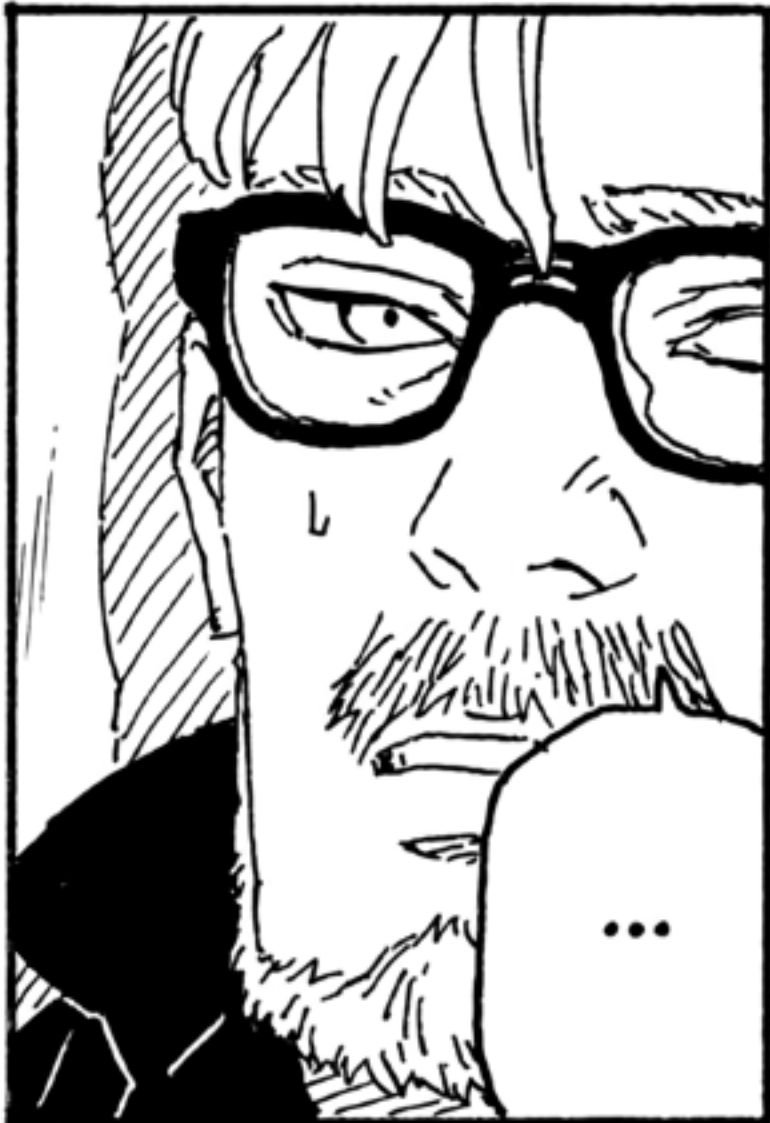




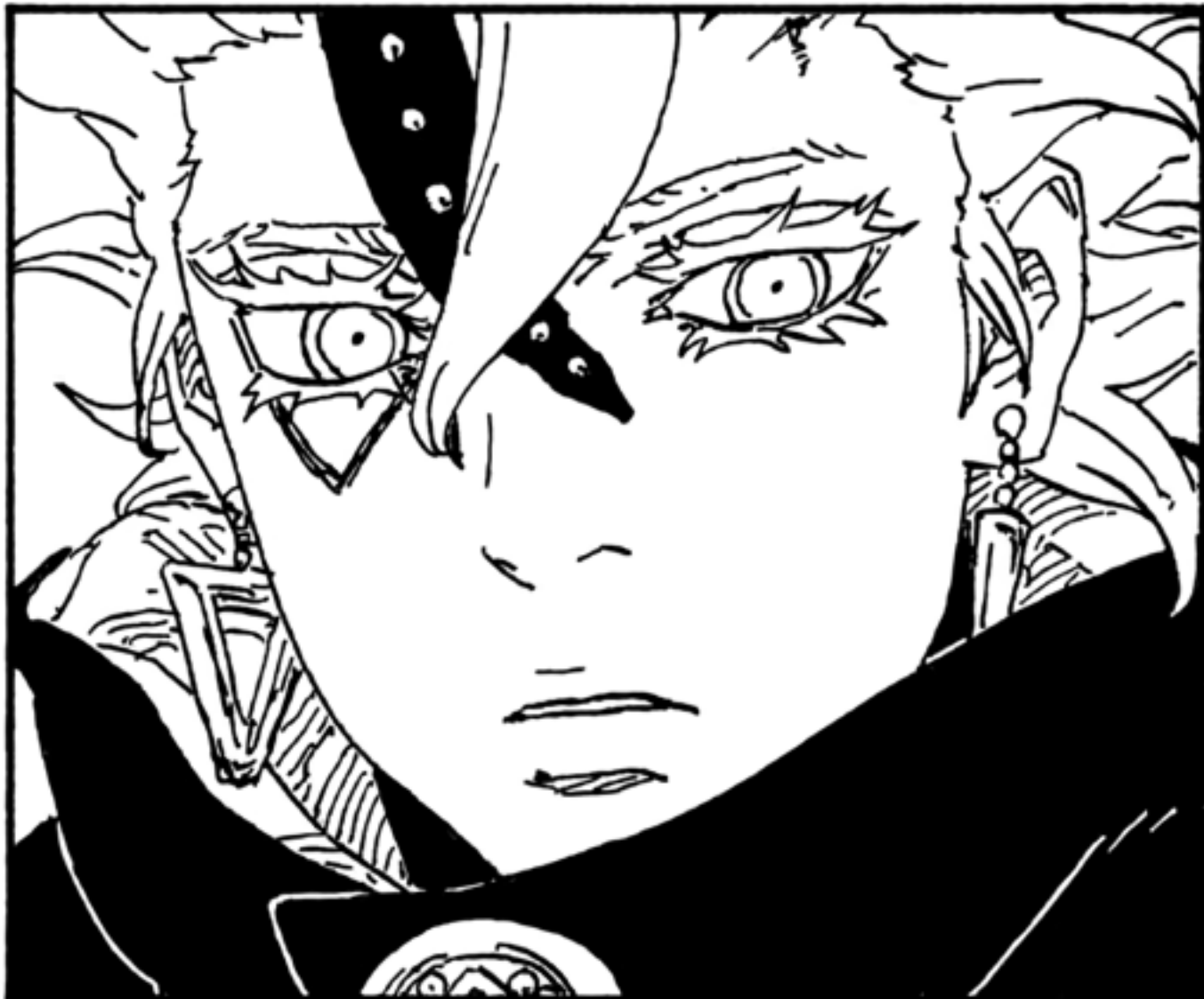


IT'S
TIME
TO END
THIS.

BUT
LET'S
CALL IT
A DAY
NOW.



...



FOR
FREEING
ME.

I'M
GRATEFUL
TO YOU,
CODE,
I AM.

THAT'S
WHY I
HELPED
YOU
REGAIN
YOUR
POWER.



I DON'T
CARE FOR
YOUR SELF-
SERVING
ATTITUDE.

NO
THANKS.

...I'VE HAD
ENOUGH.

WHETHER
YOUR
FEELINGS
ARE REAL
OR NOT...



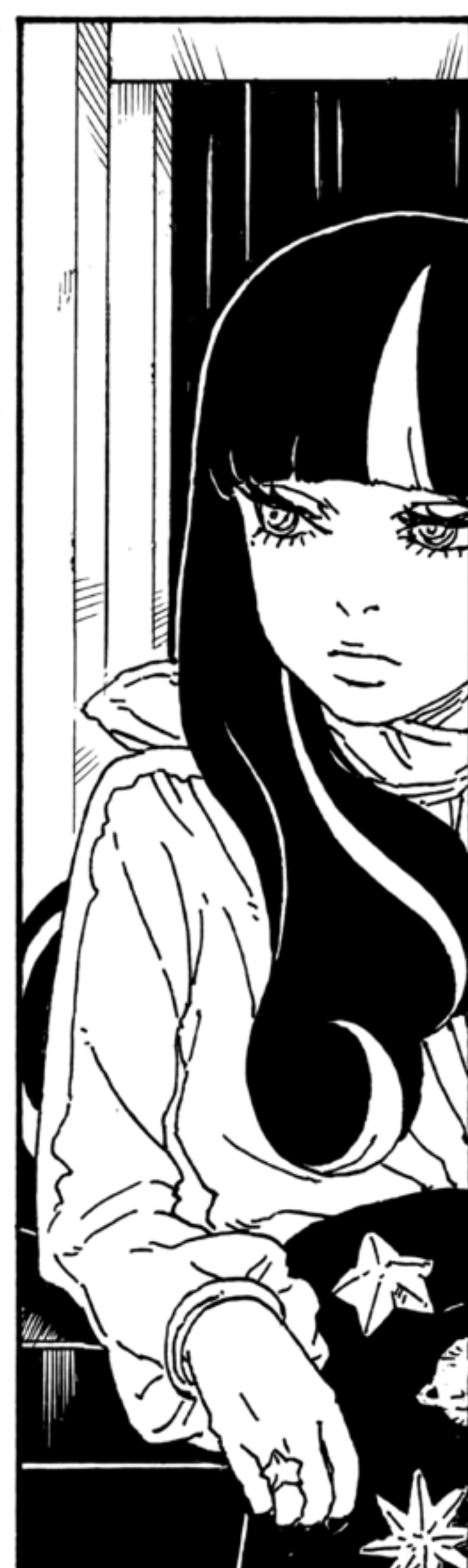
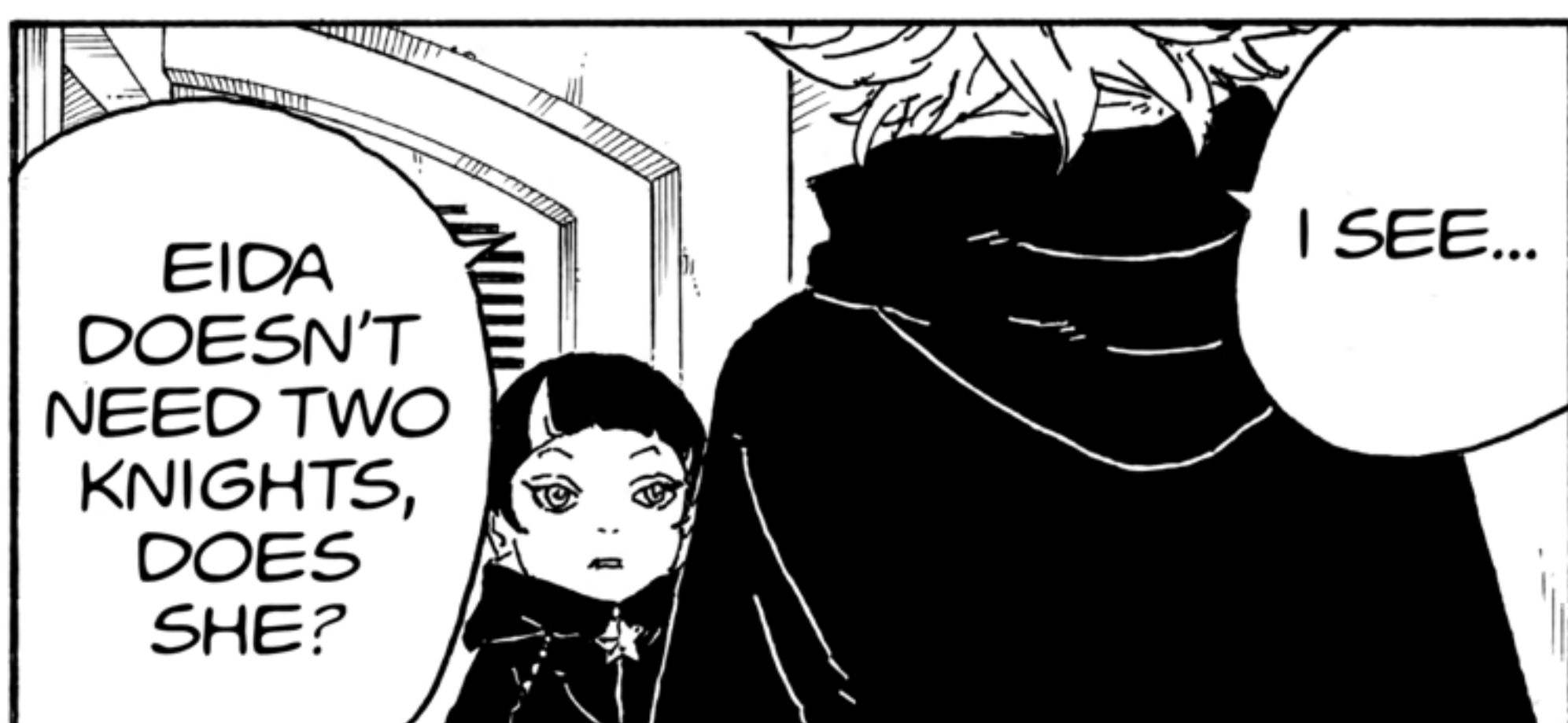
I LOVE
YOU,
EIDA.

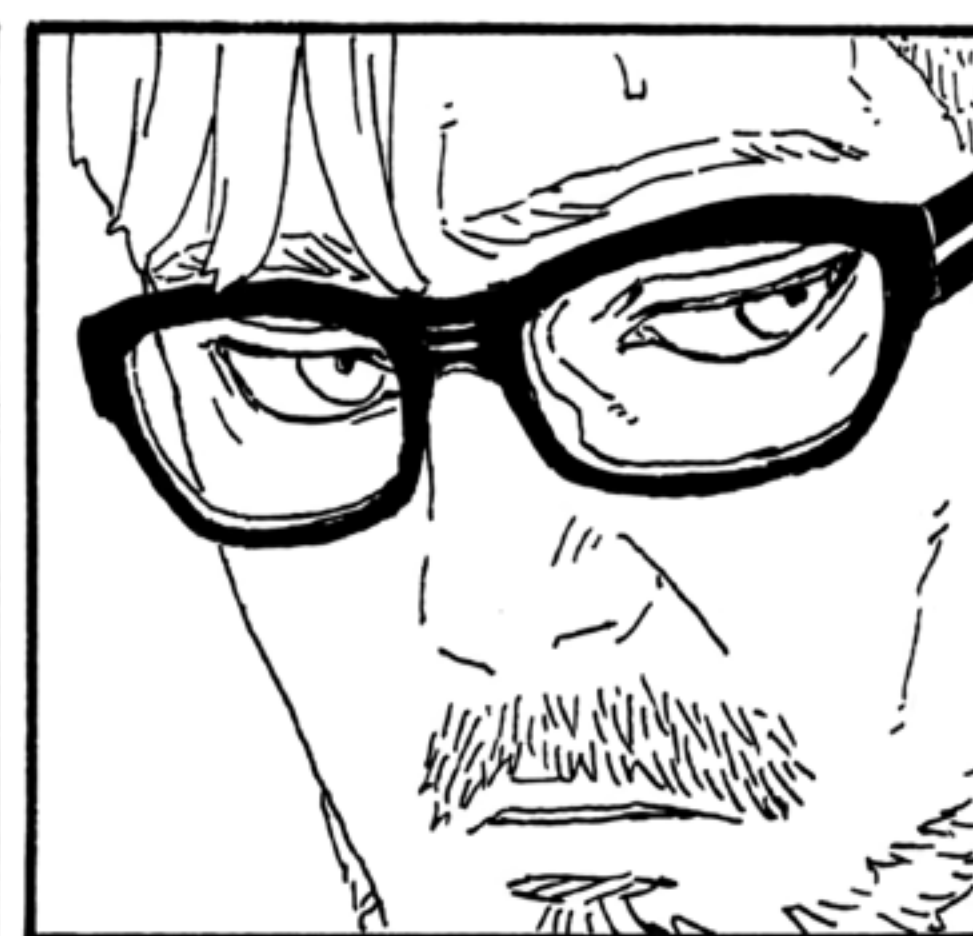
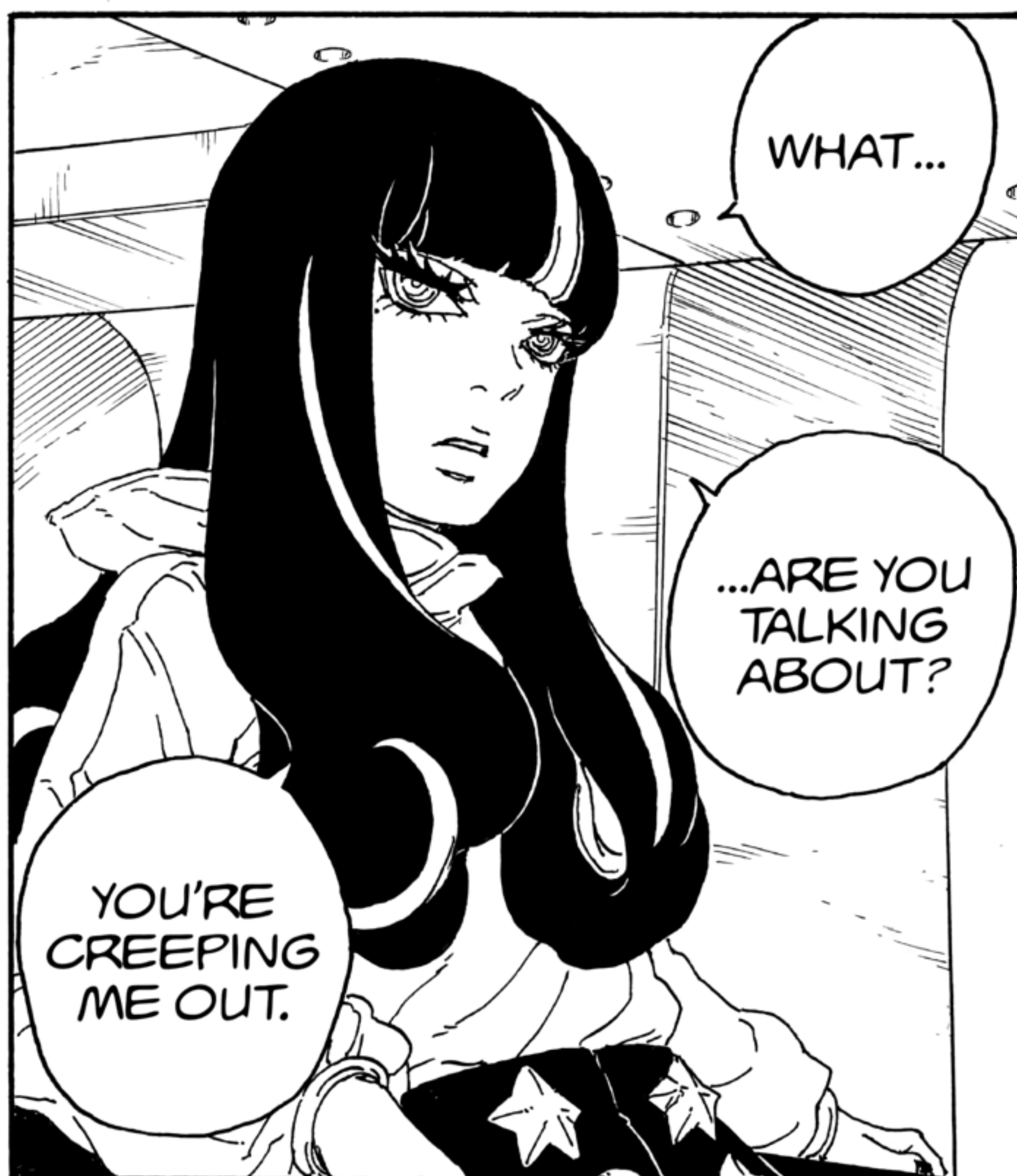
FROM
THE
BOTTOM
OF MY
HEART.

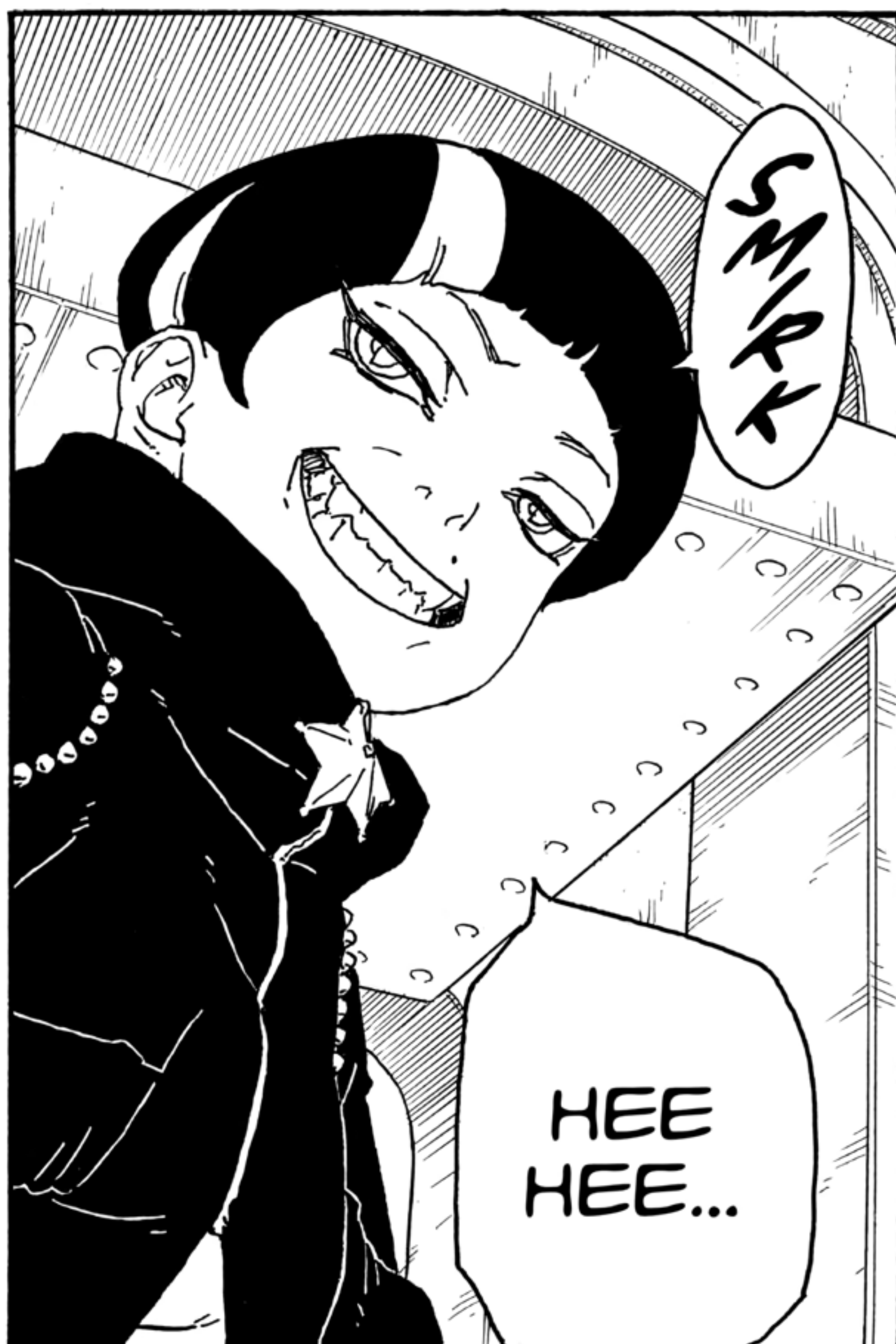
YOU'RE
KIDDING,
RIGHT?

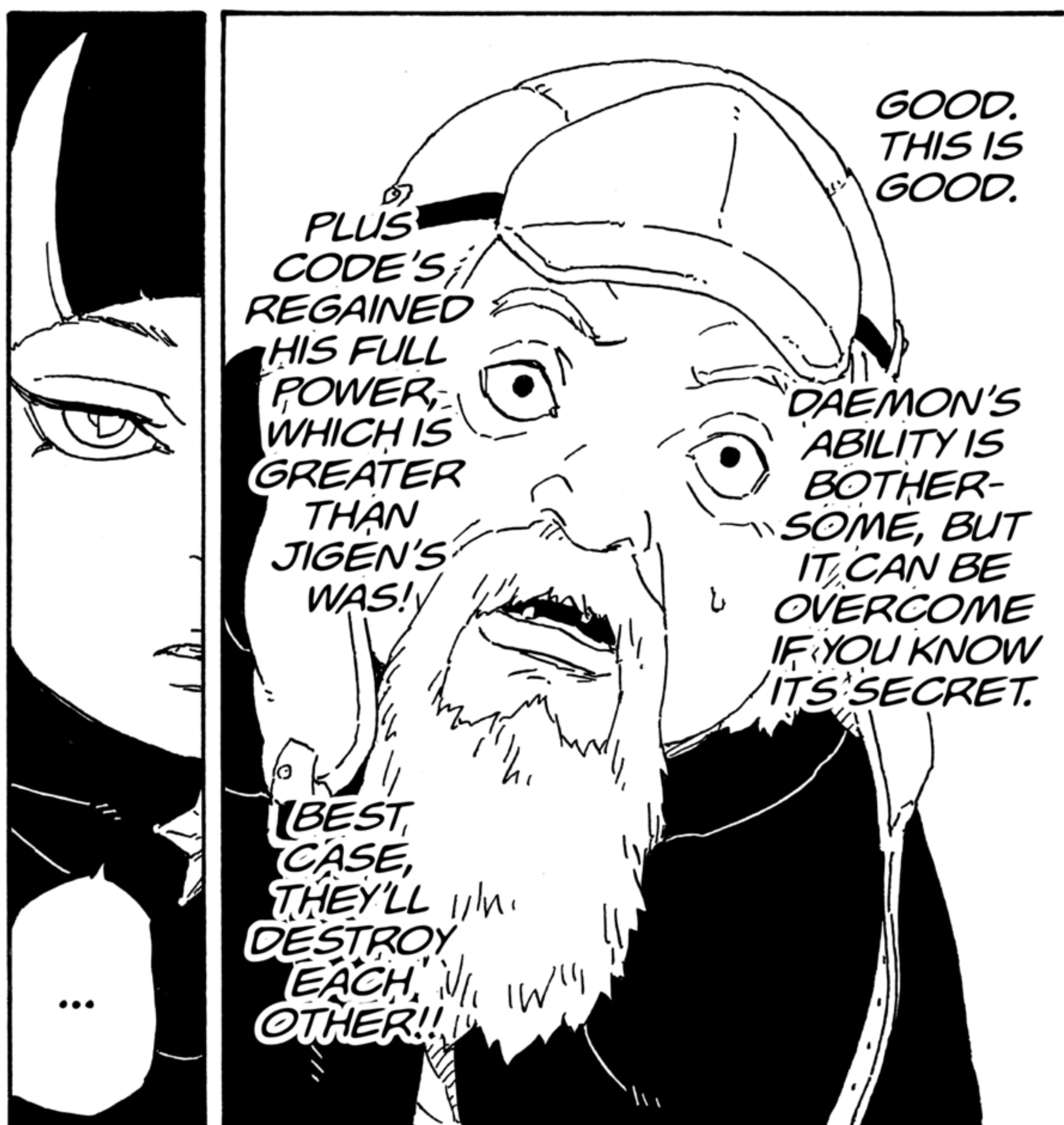
I...

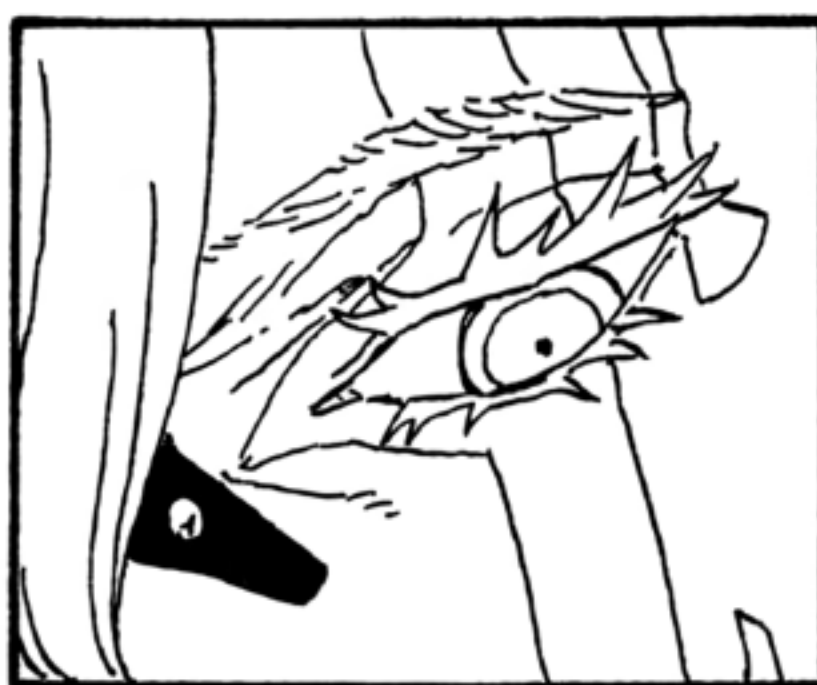
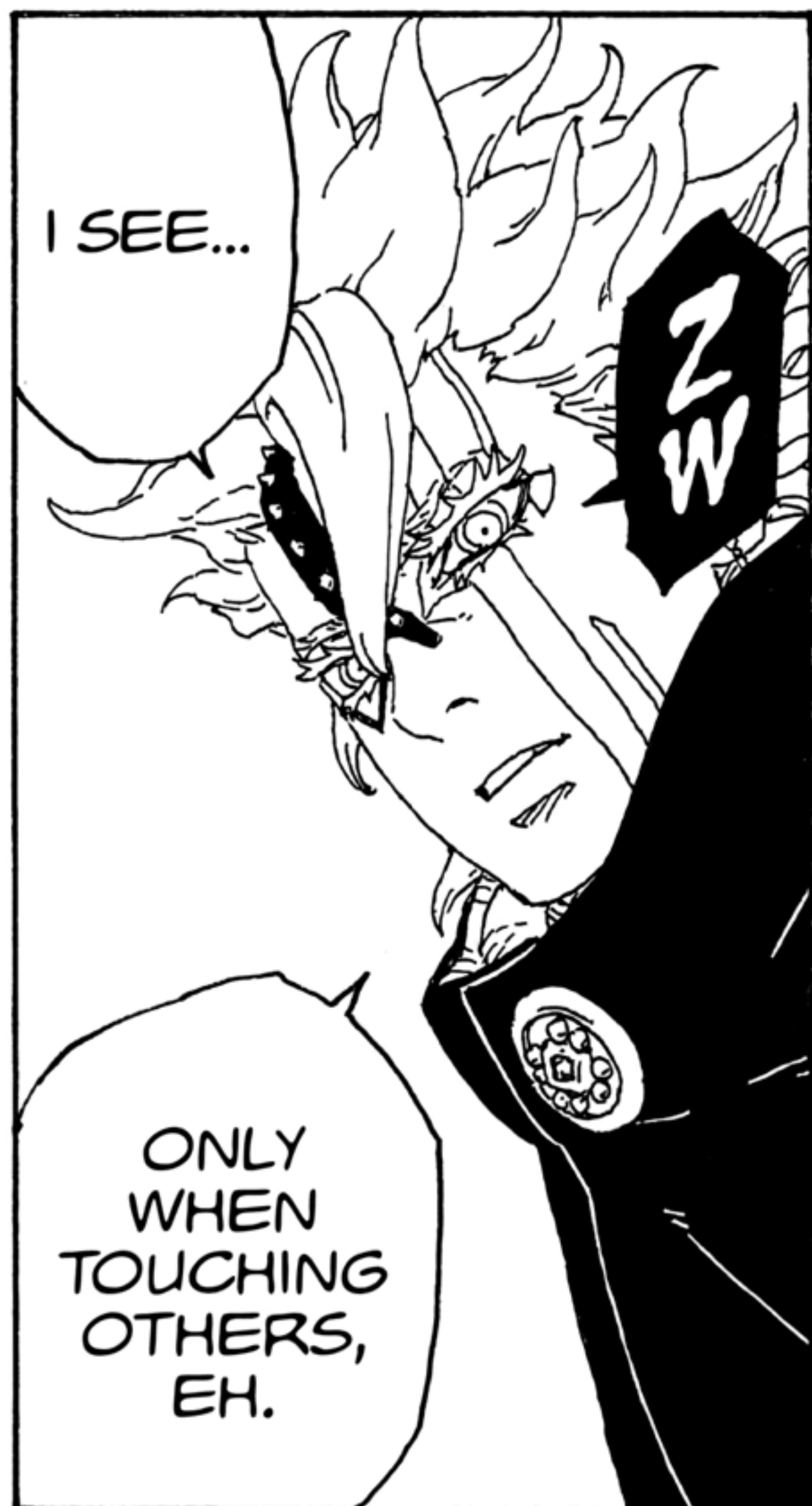
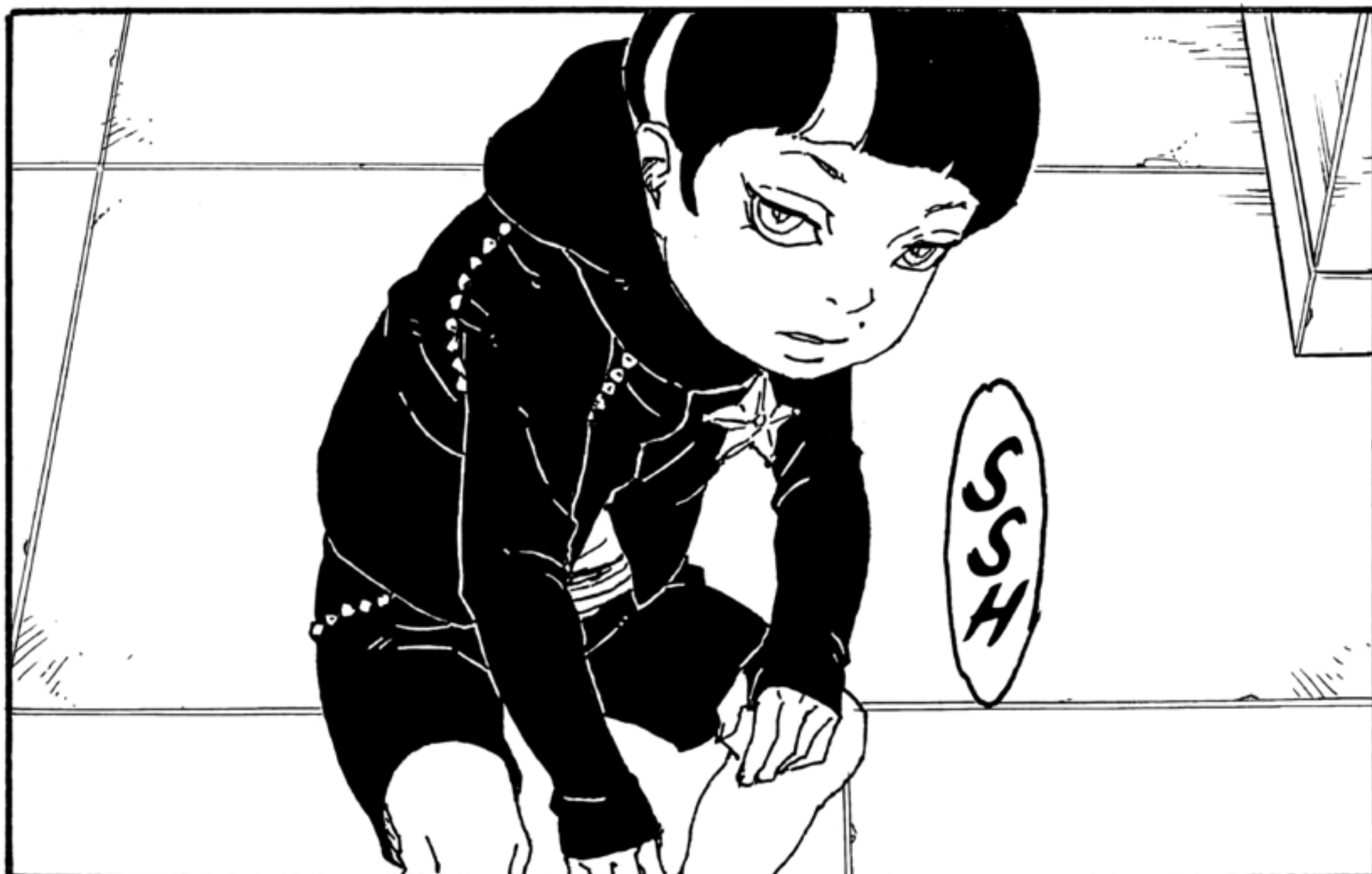
DON'T
YOU STILL
NEED MY
POWER?

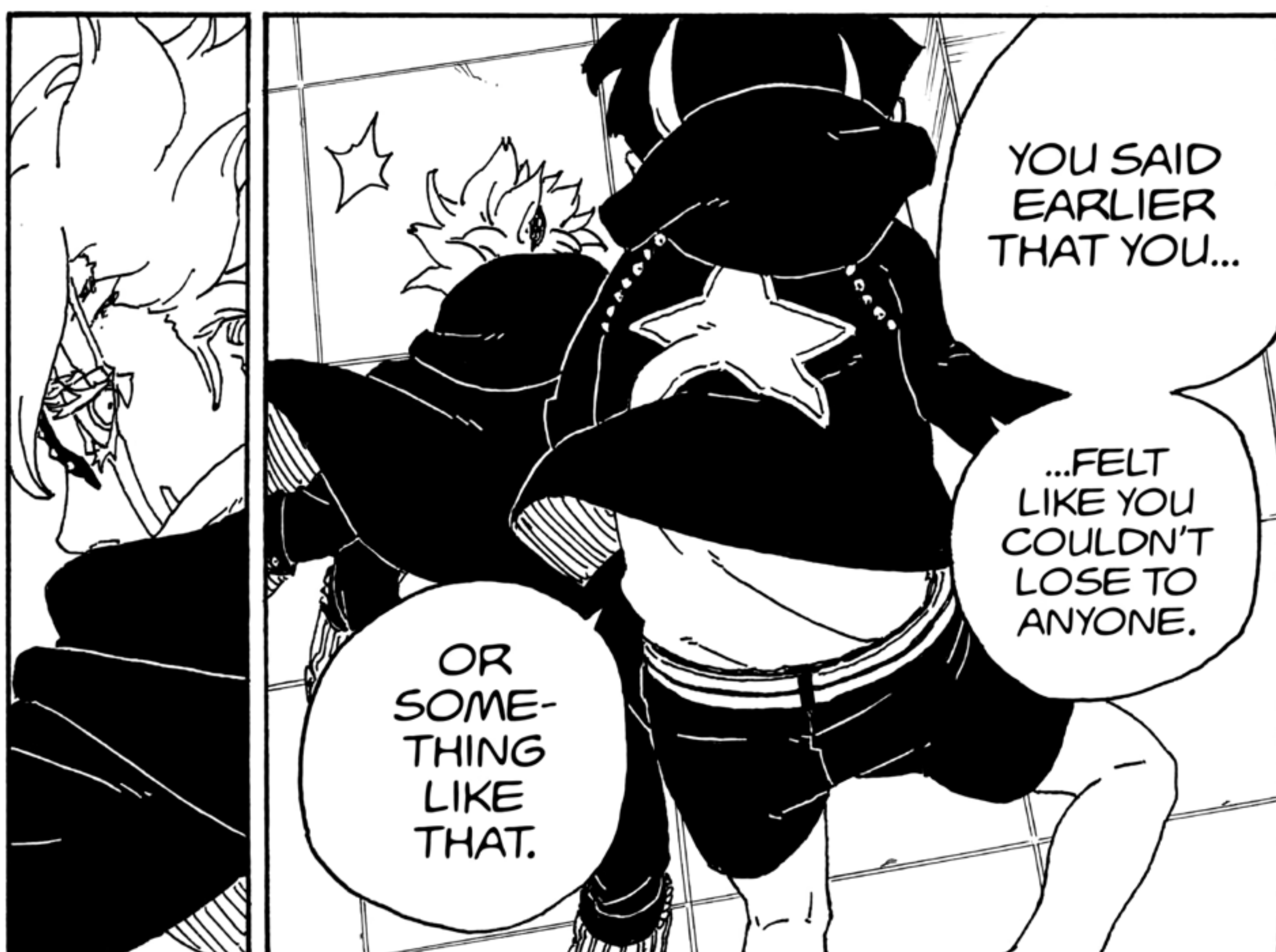
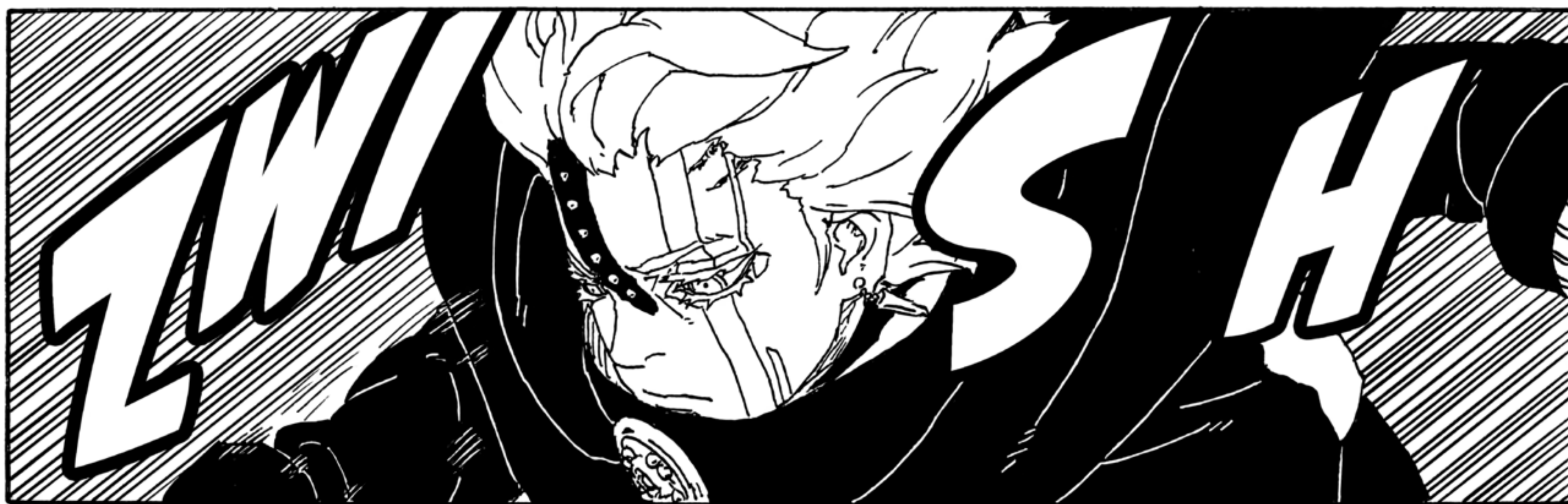
















YEE...

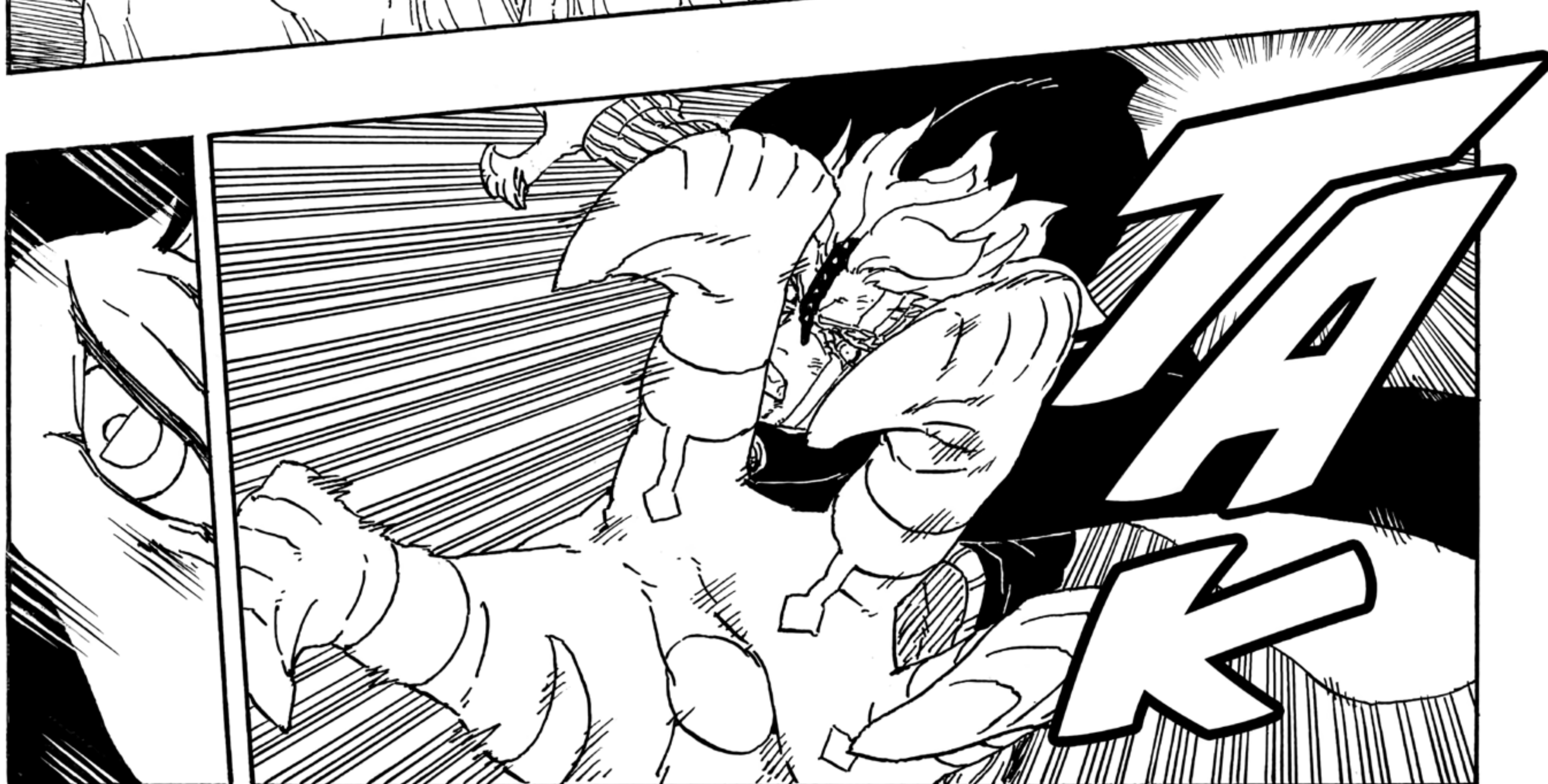


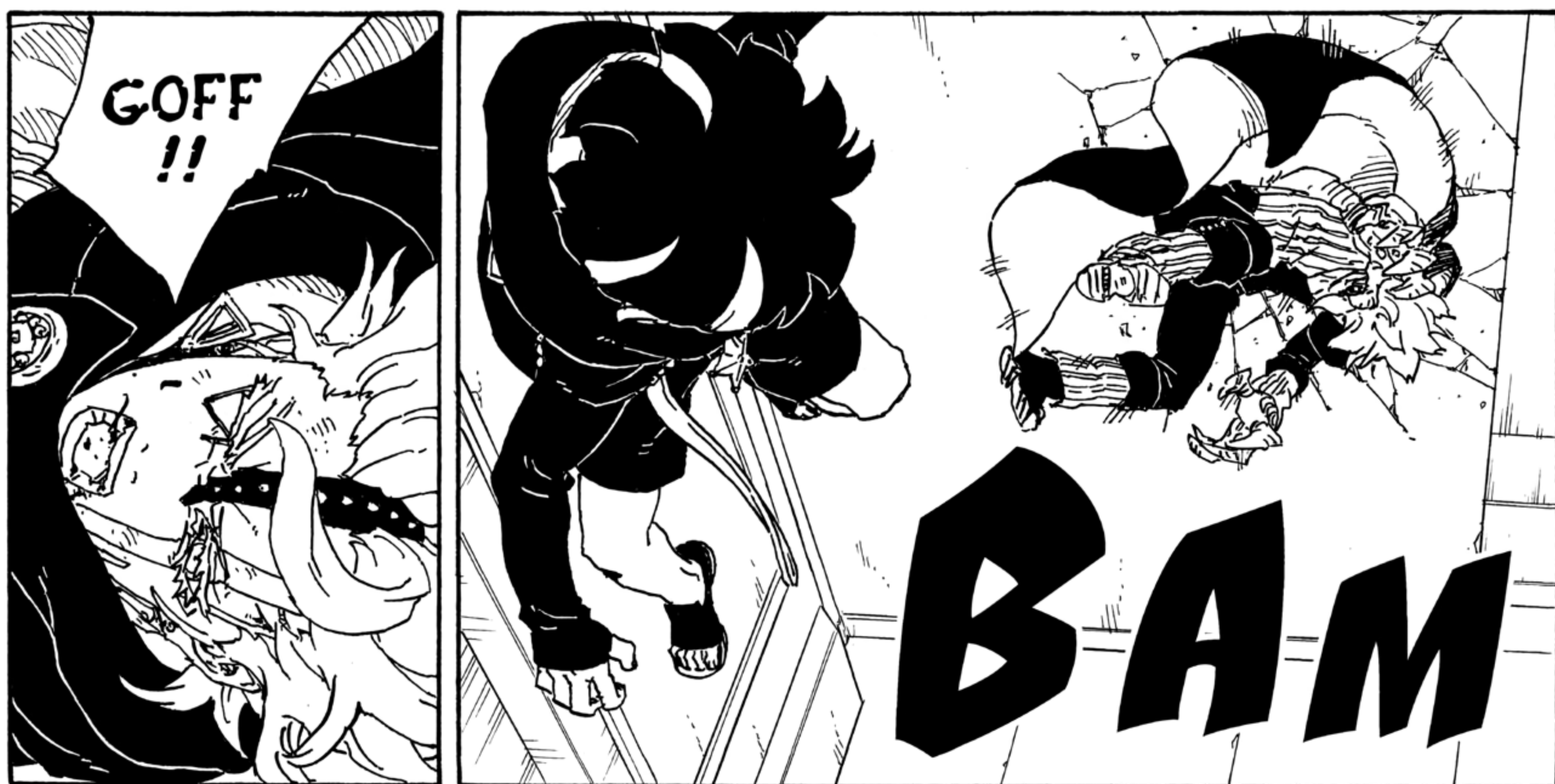
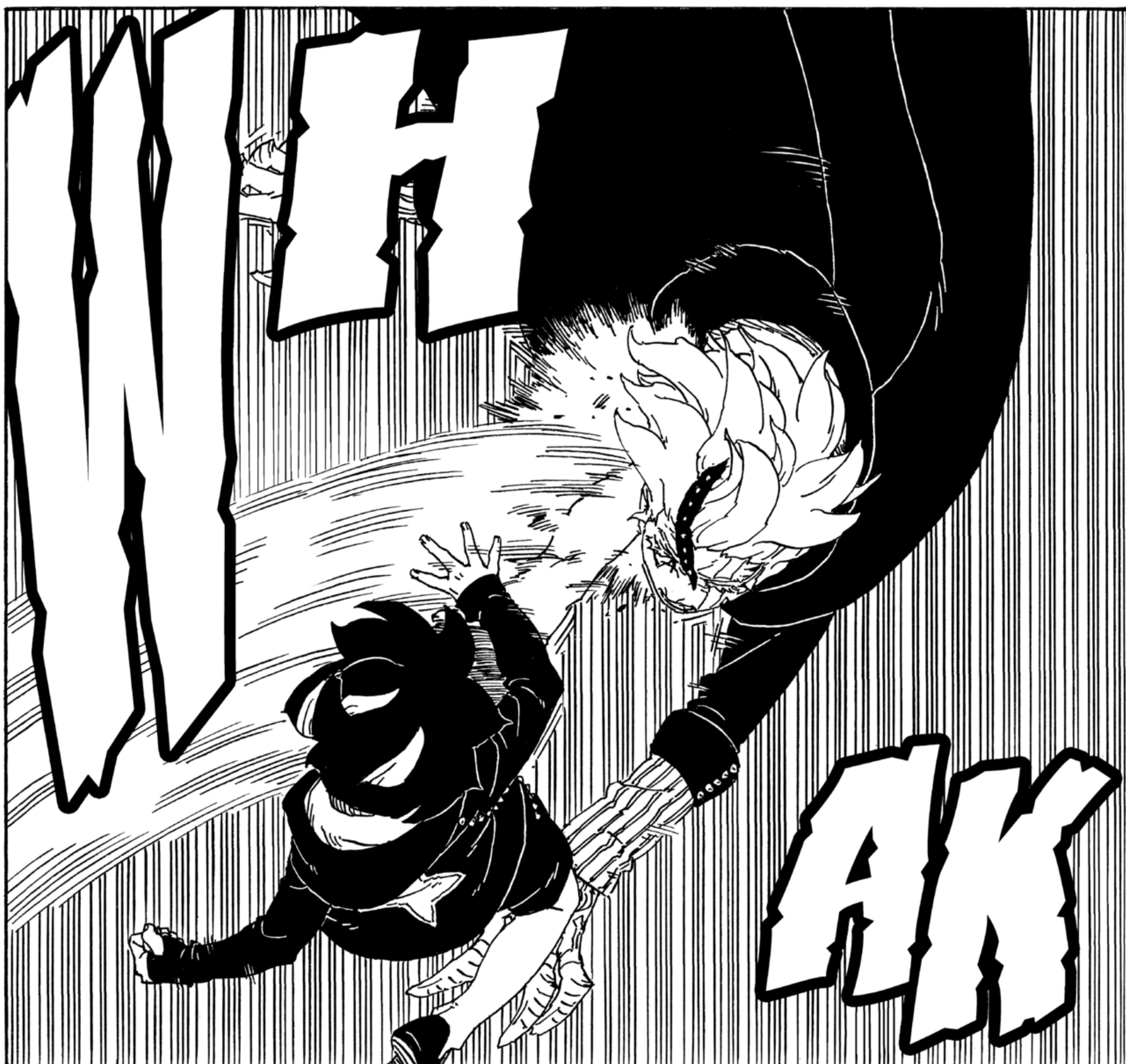
GAK !!

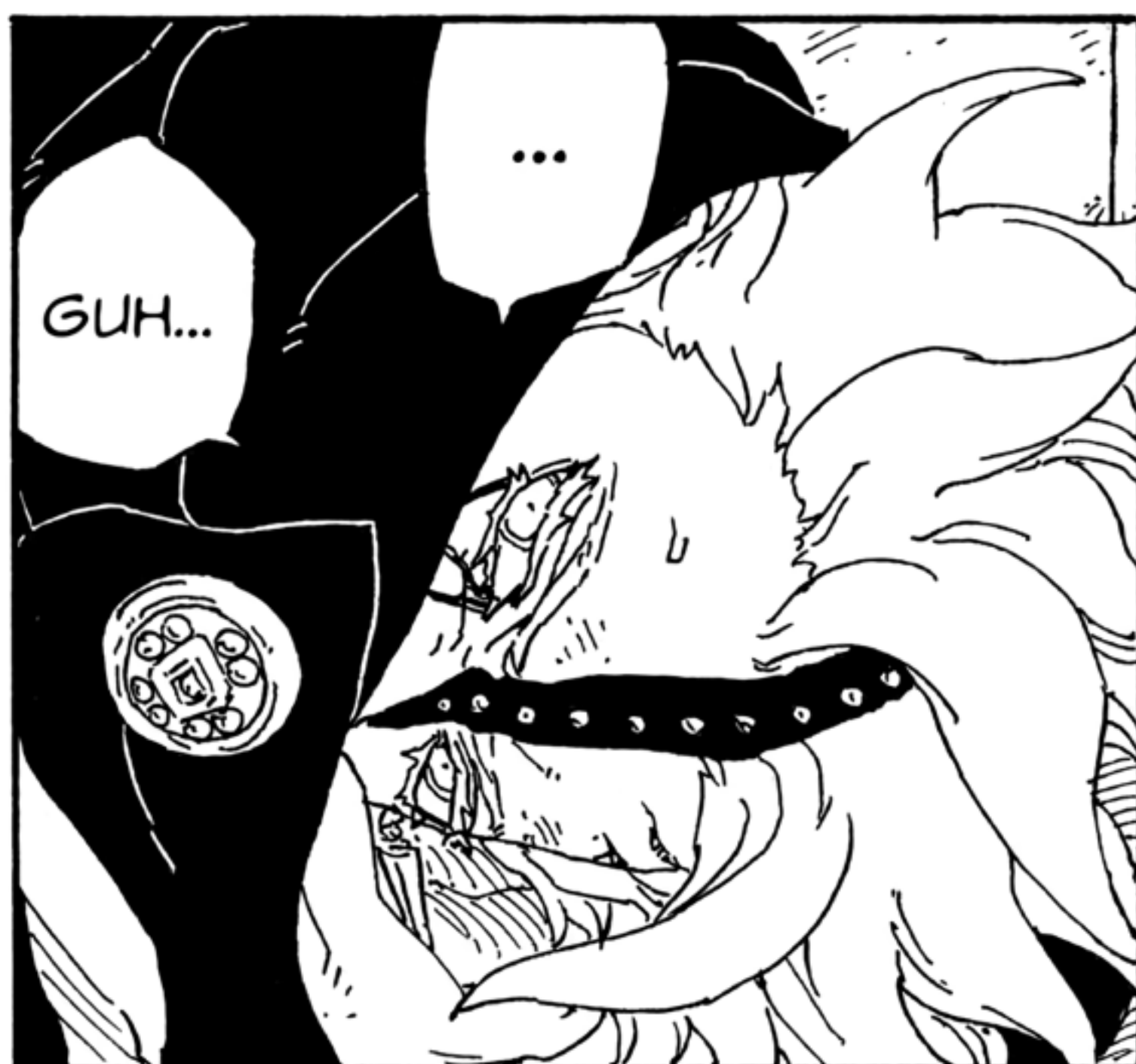
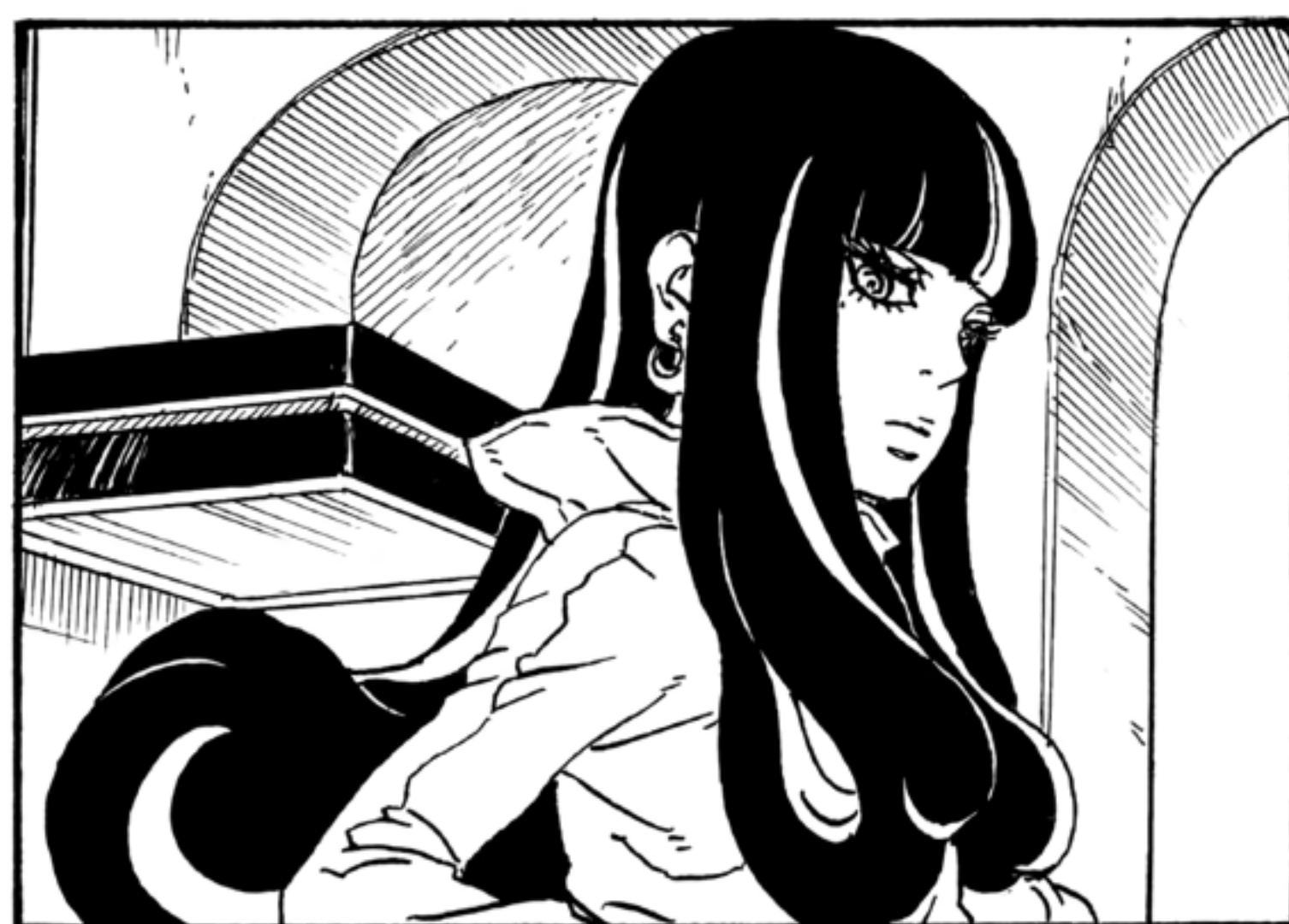
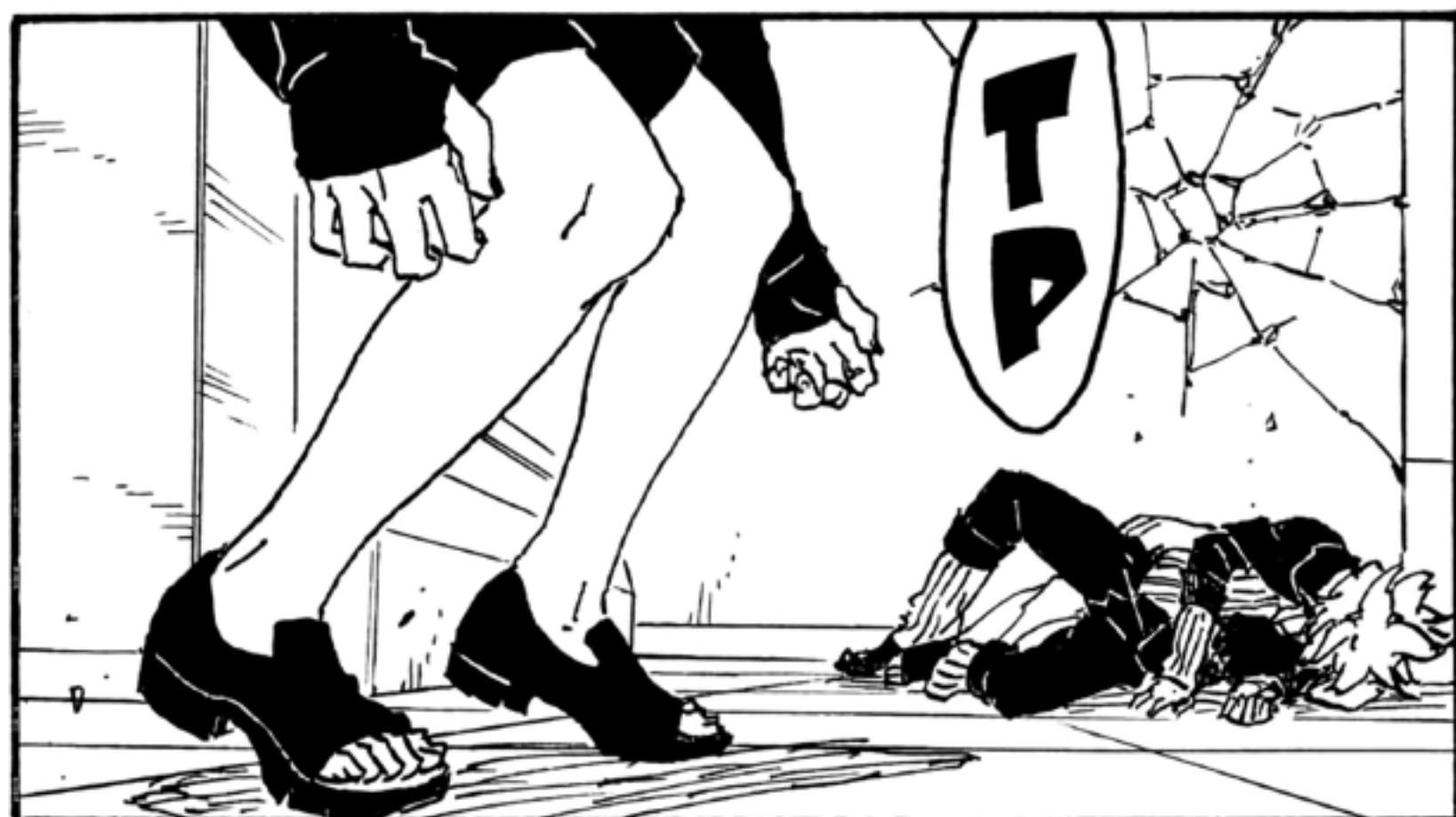
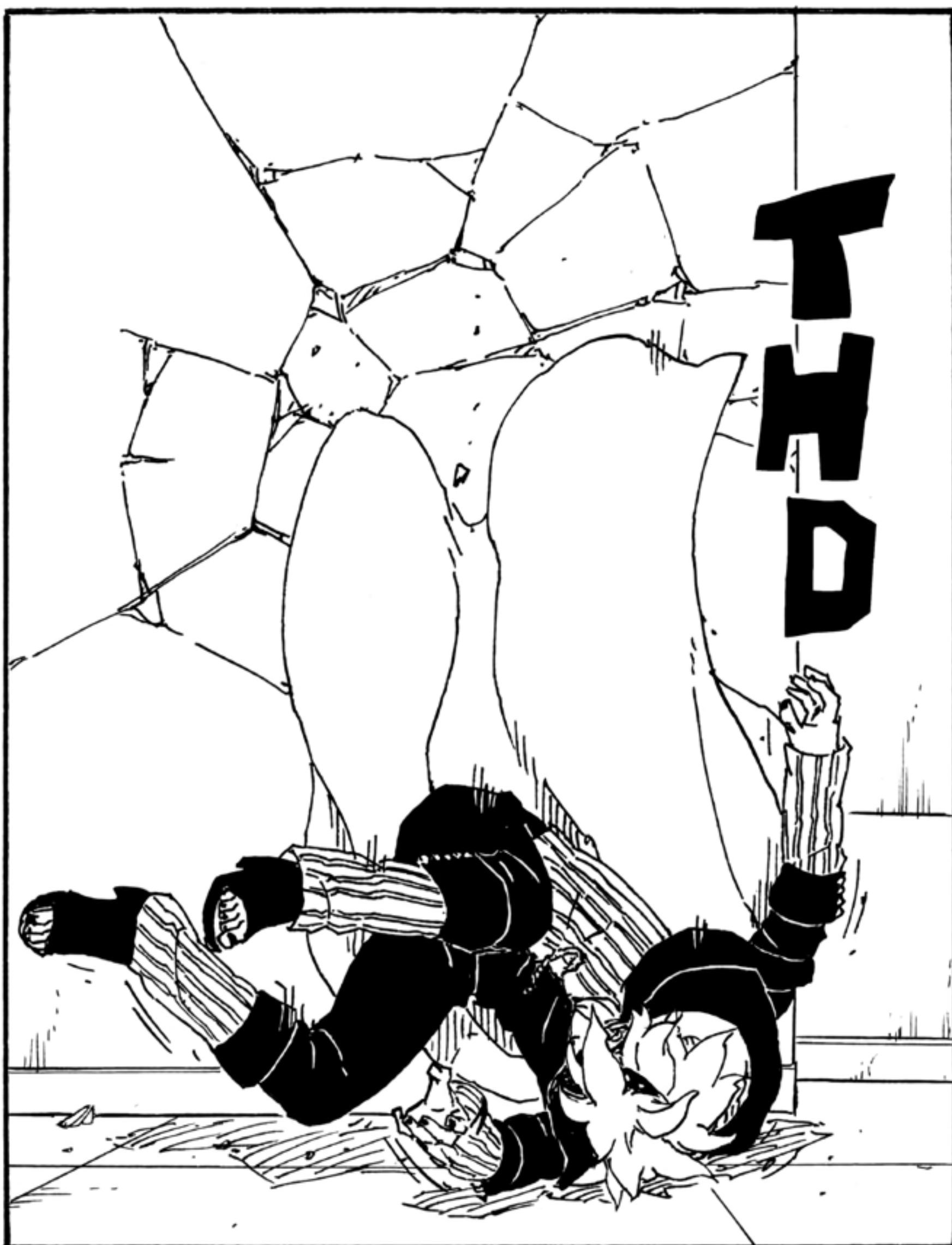
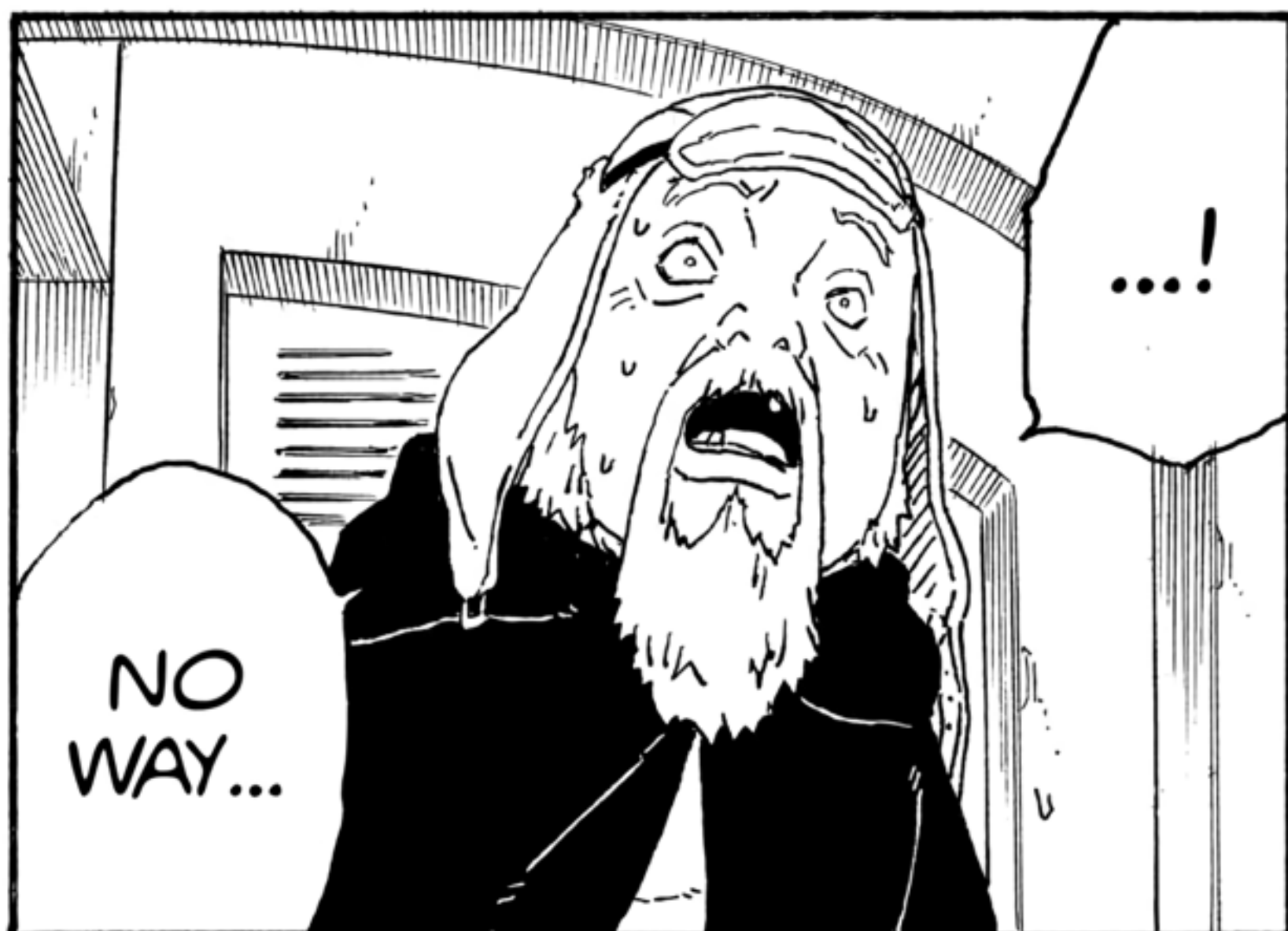
...HAW !!!

WHAT THE?!

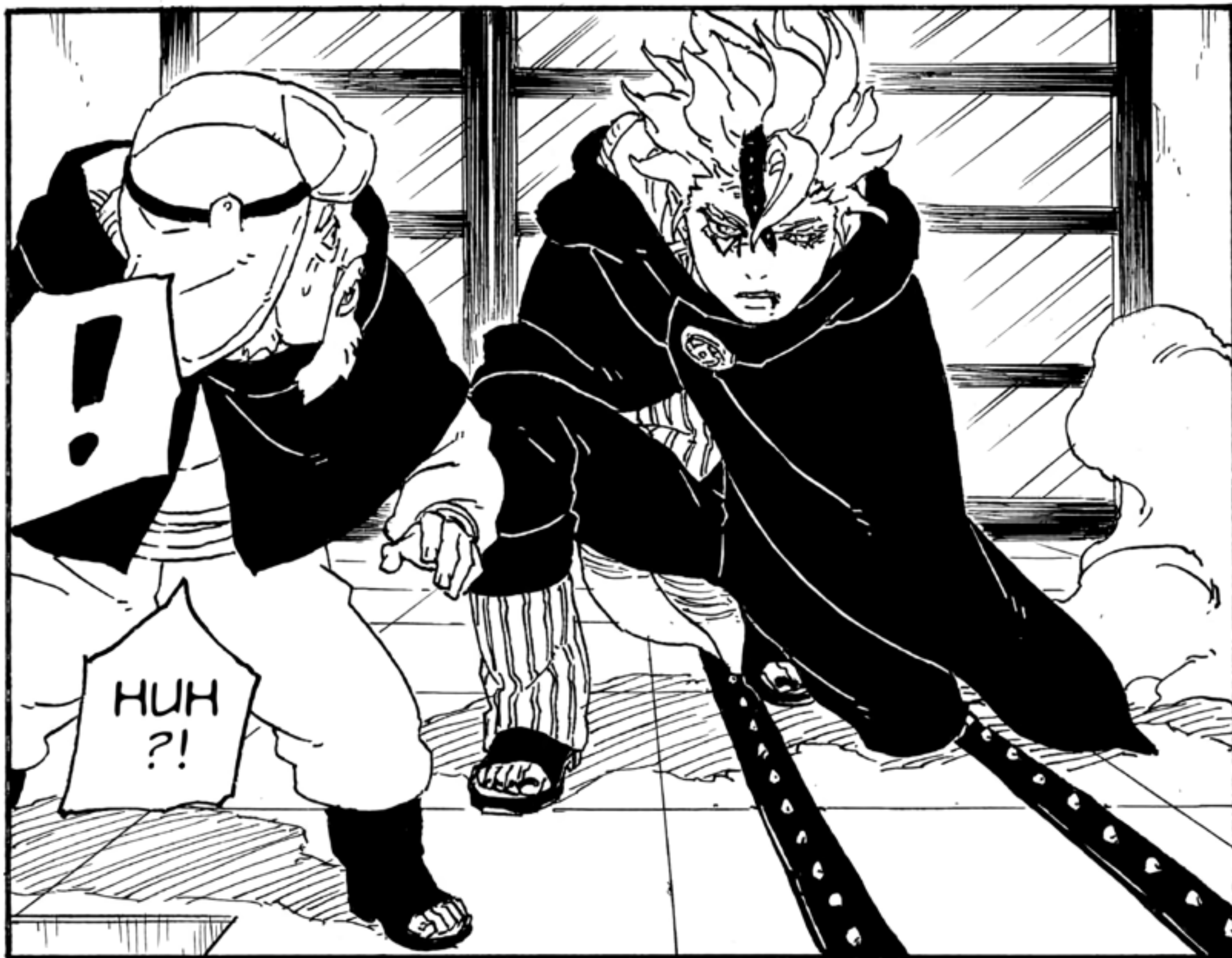
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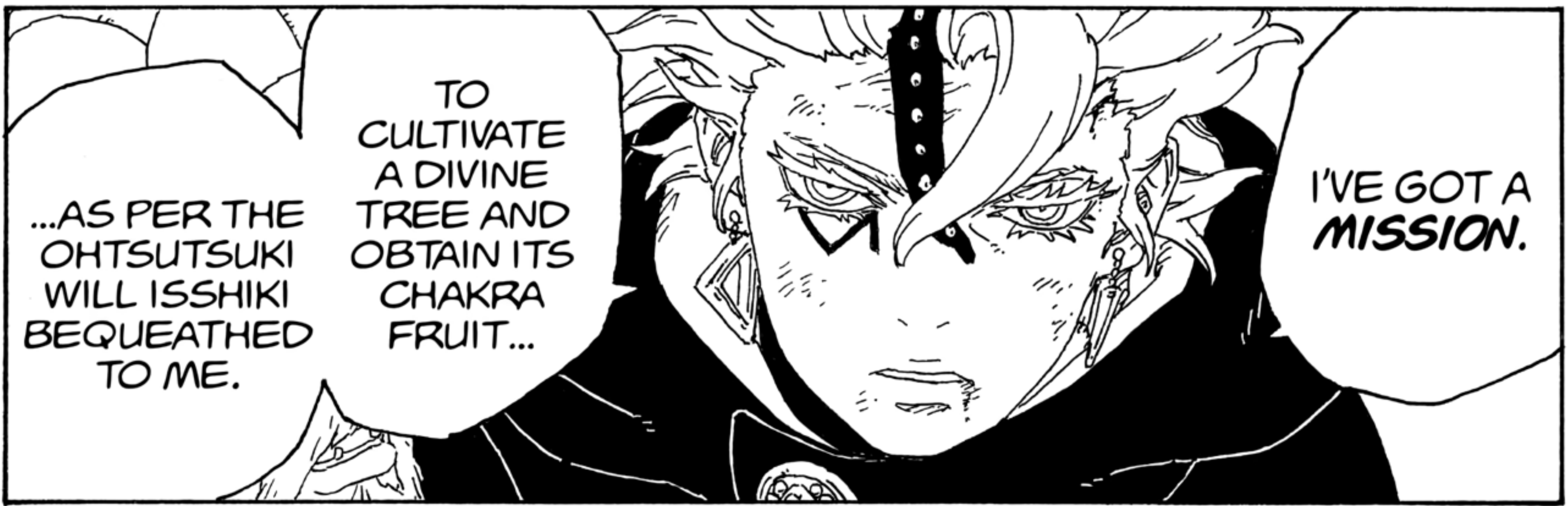








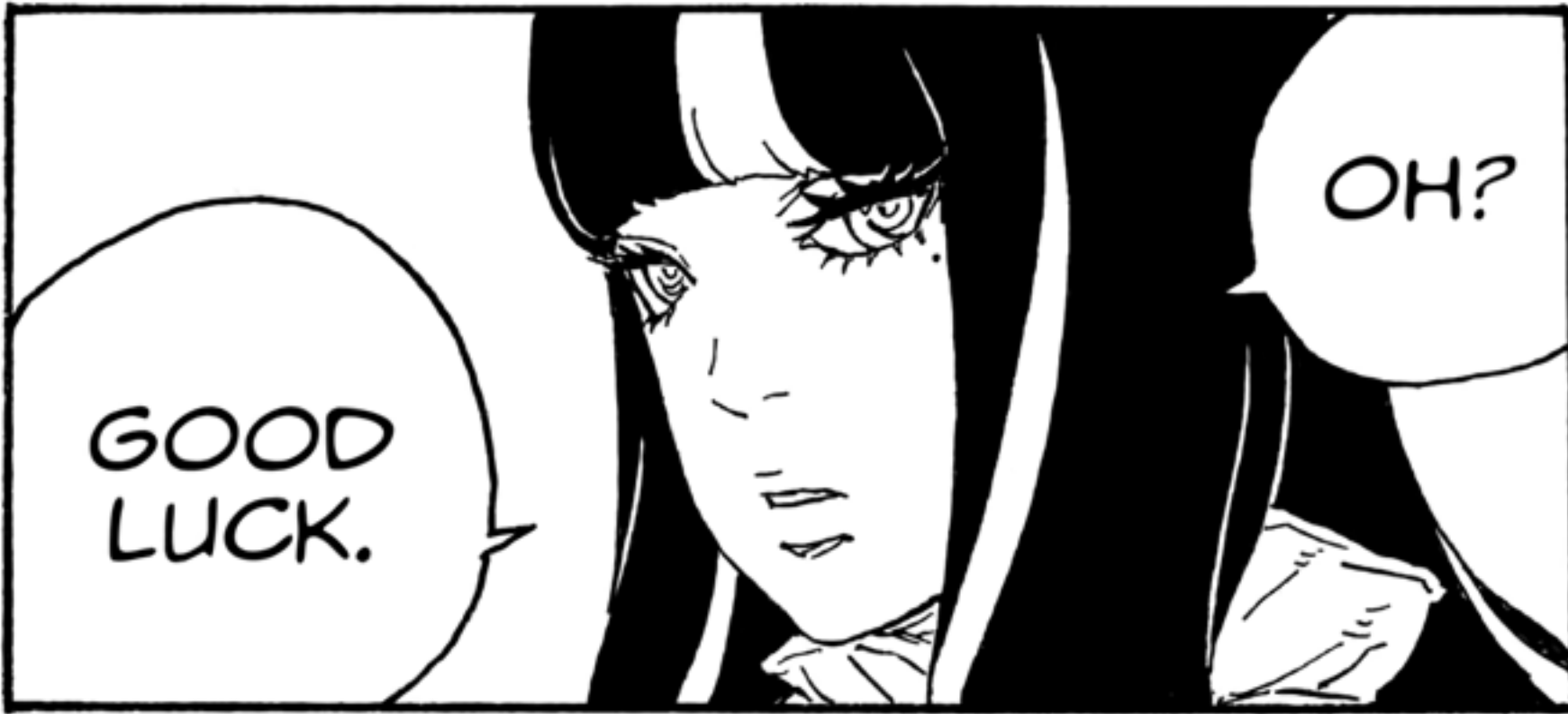




...AS PER THE
OHTSUTSUKI
WILL ISSHIKI
BEQUEATHED
TO ME.

TO
CULTIVATE
A DIVINE
TREE AND
OBTAIN ITS
CHAKRA
FRUIT...

I'VE GOT A
MISSION.



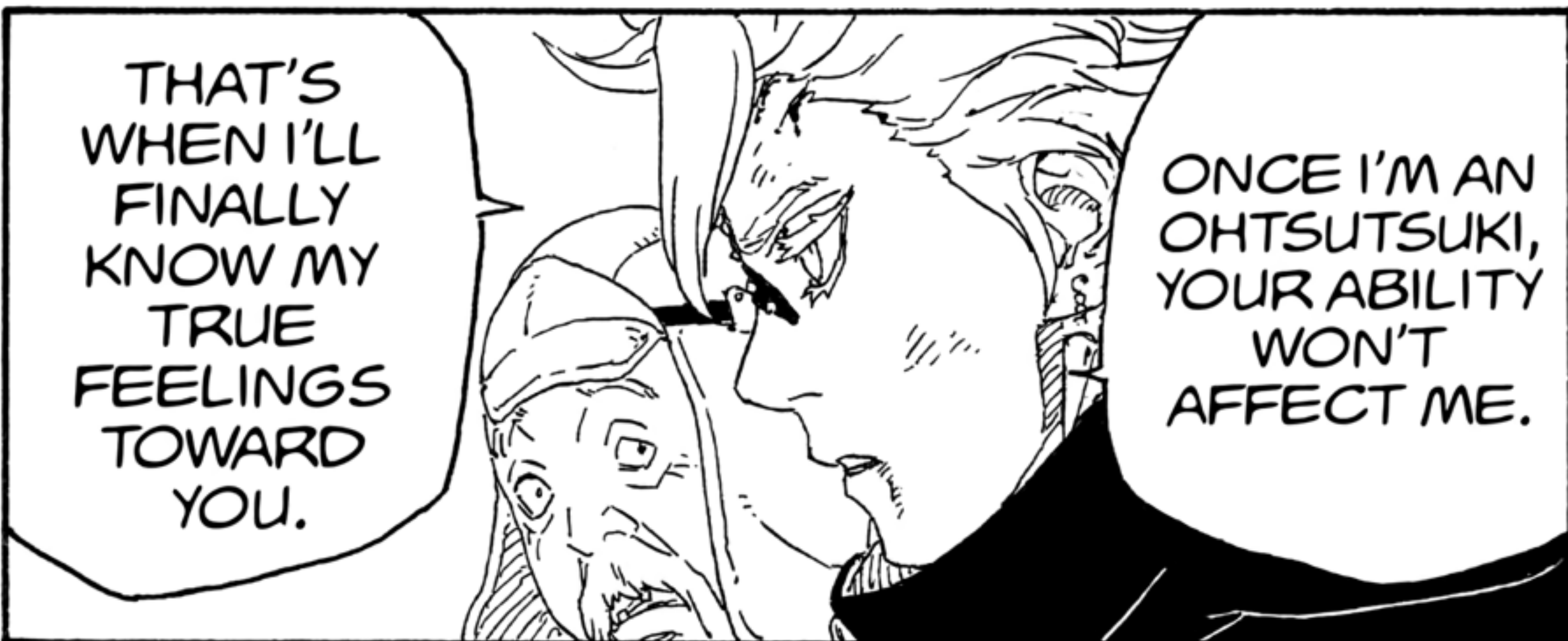
GOOD
LUCK.

OH?



I'LL
DEVOUR
IT...

...AND
BECOME
A NEW
OHTSU-
TSUKI.



THAT'S
WHEN I'LL
FINALLY
KNOW MY
TRUE
FEELINGS
TOWARD
YOU.

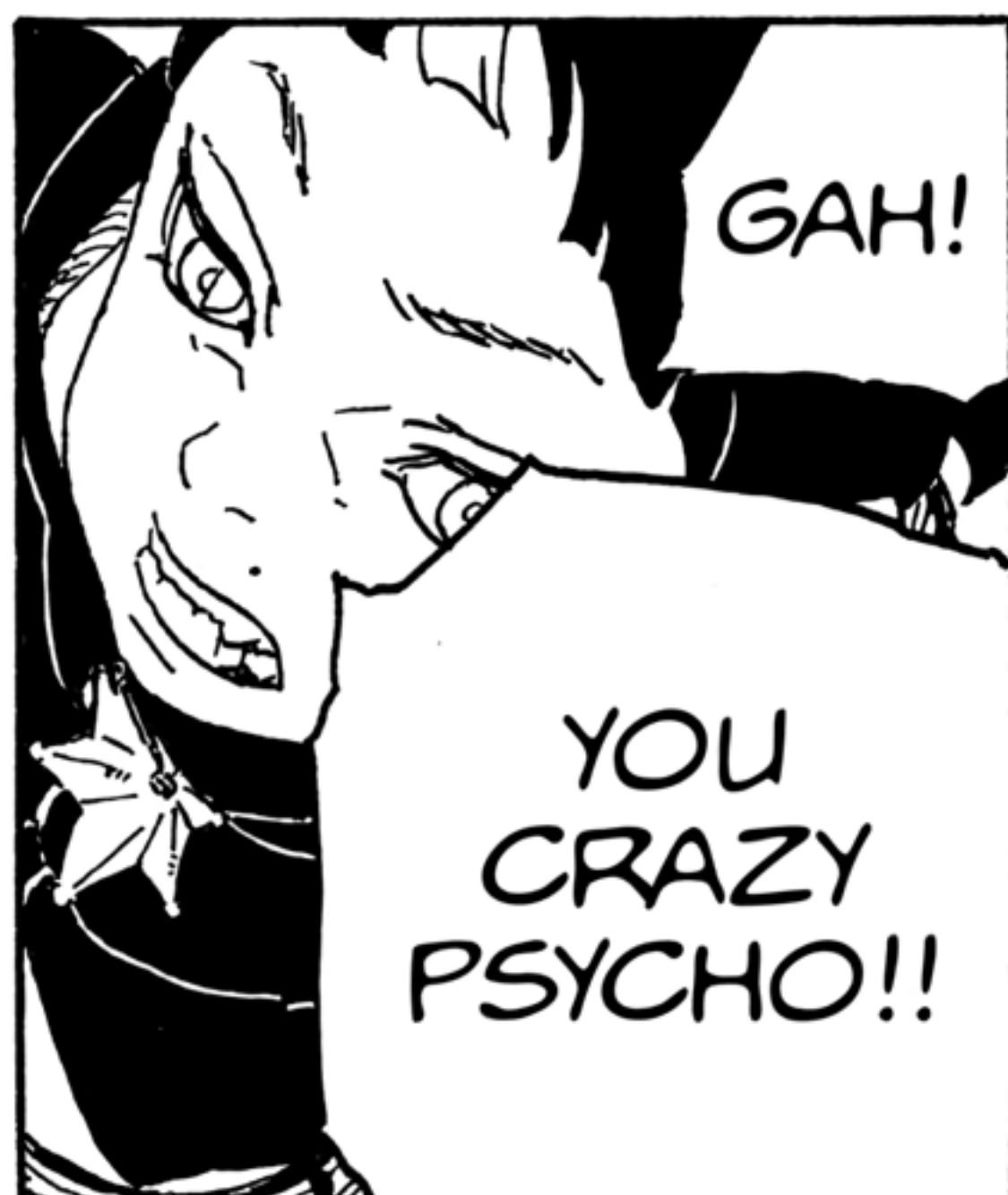
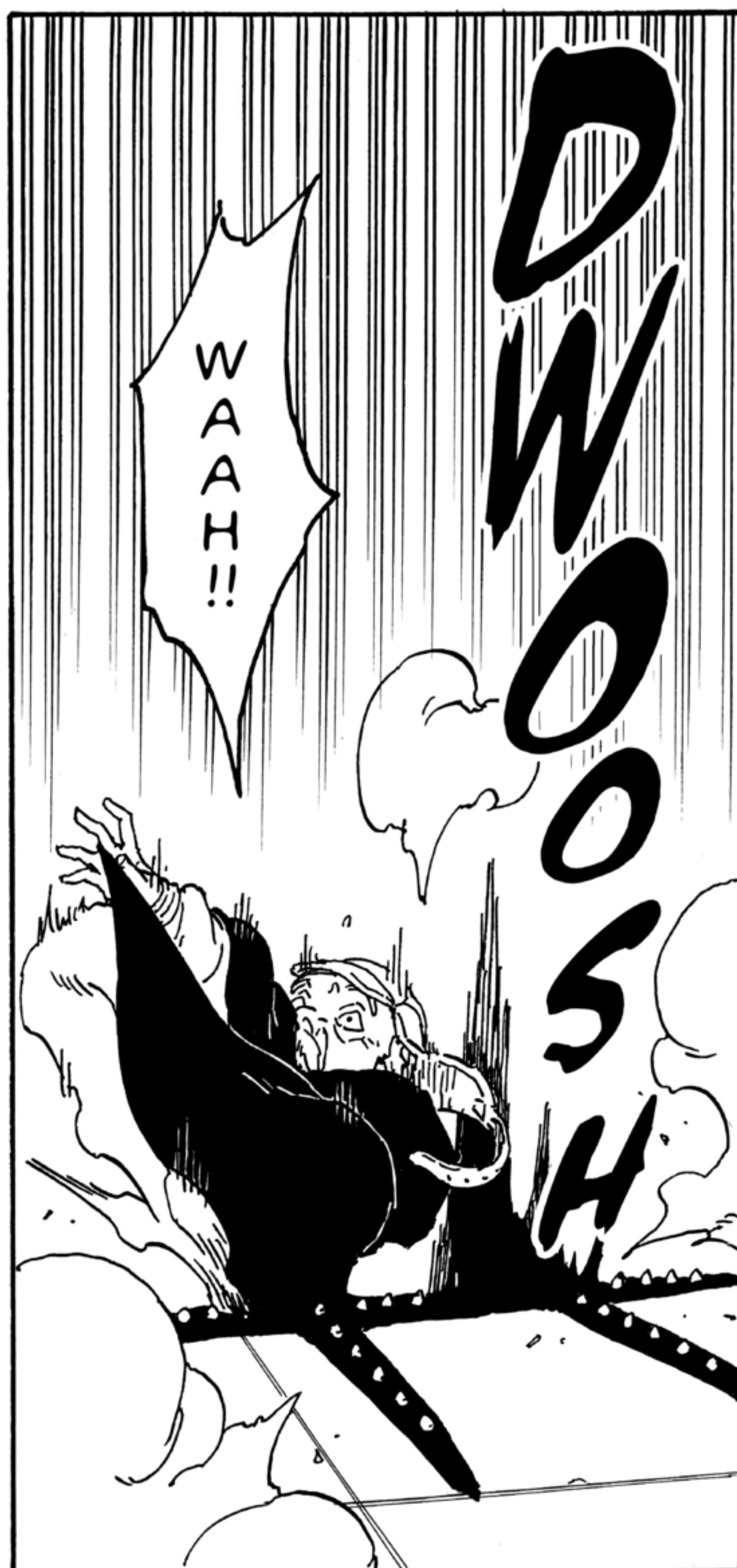
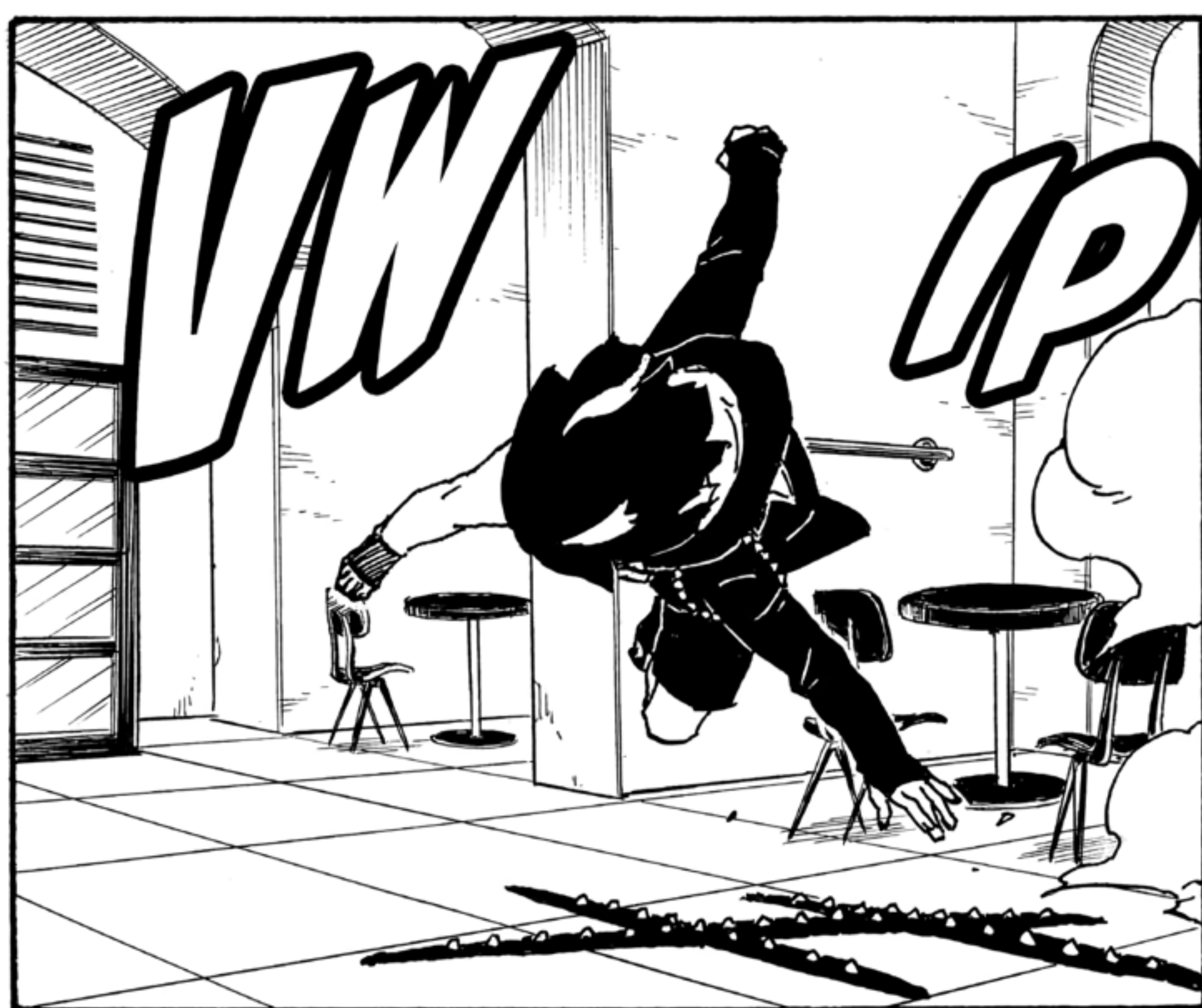
ONCE I'M AN
OHTSUTSUKI,
YOUR ABILITY
WON'T
AFFECT ME.

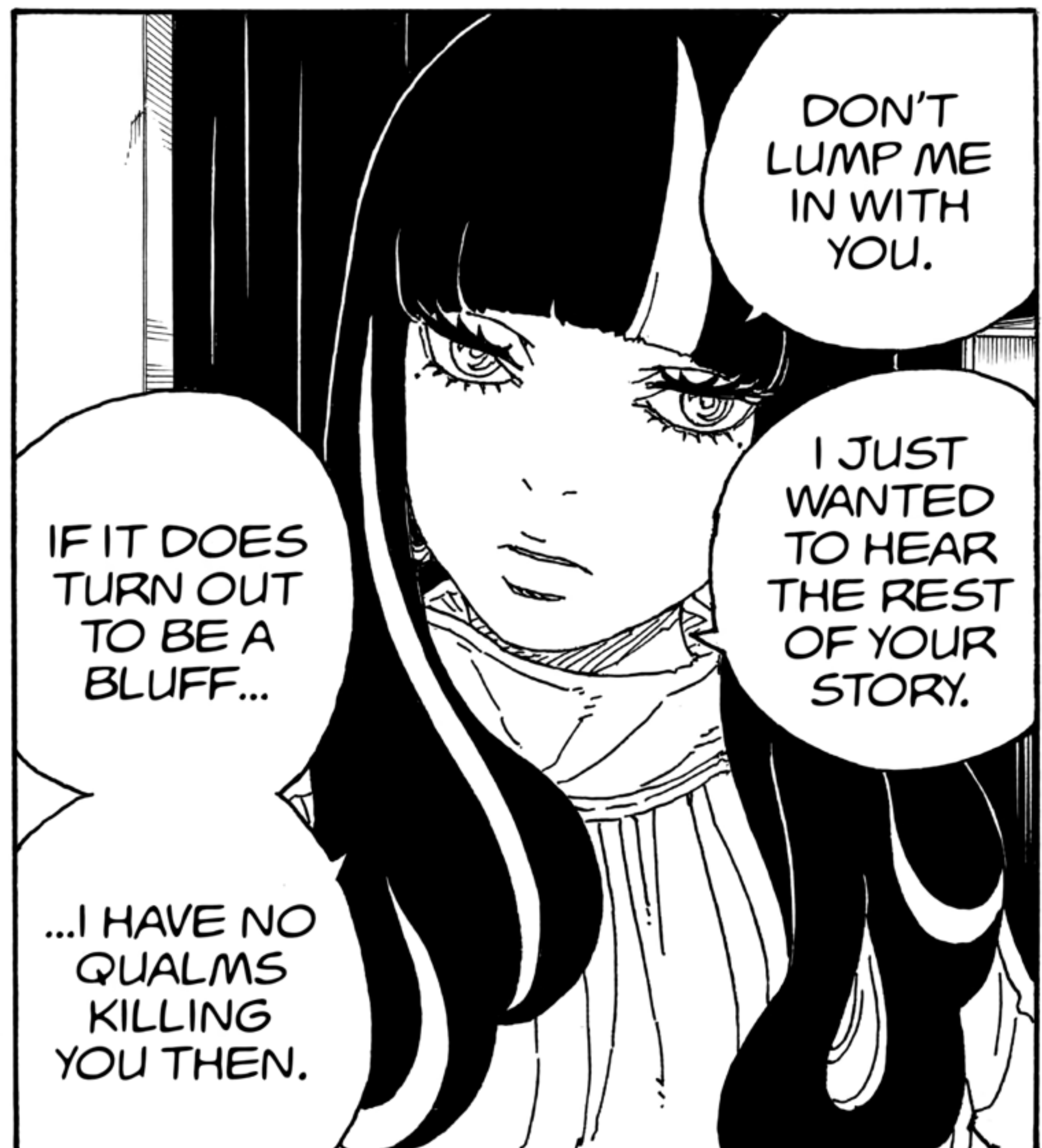
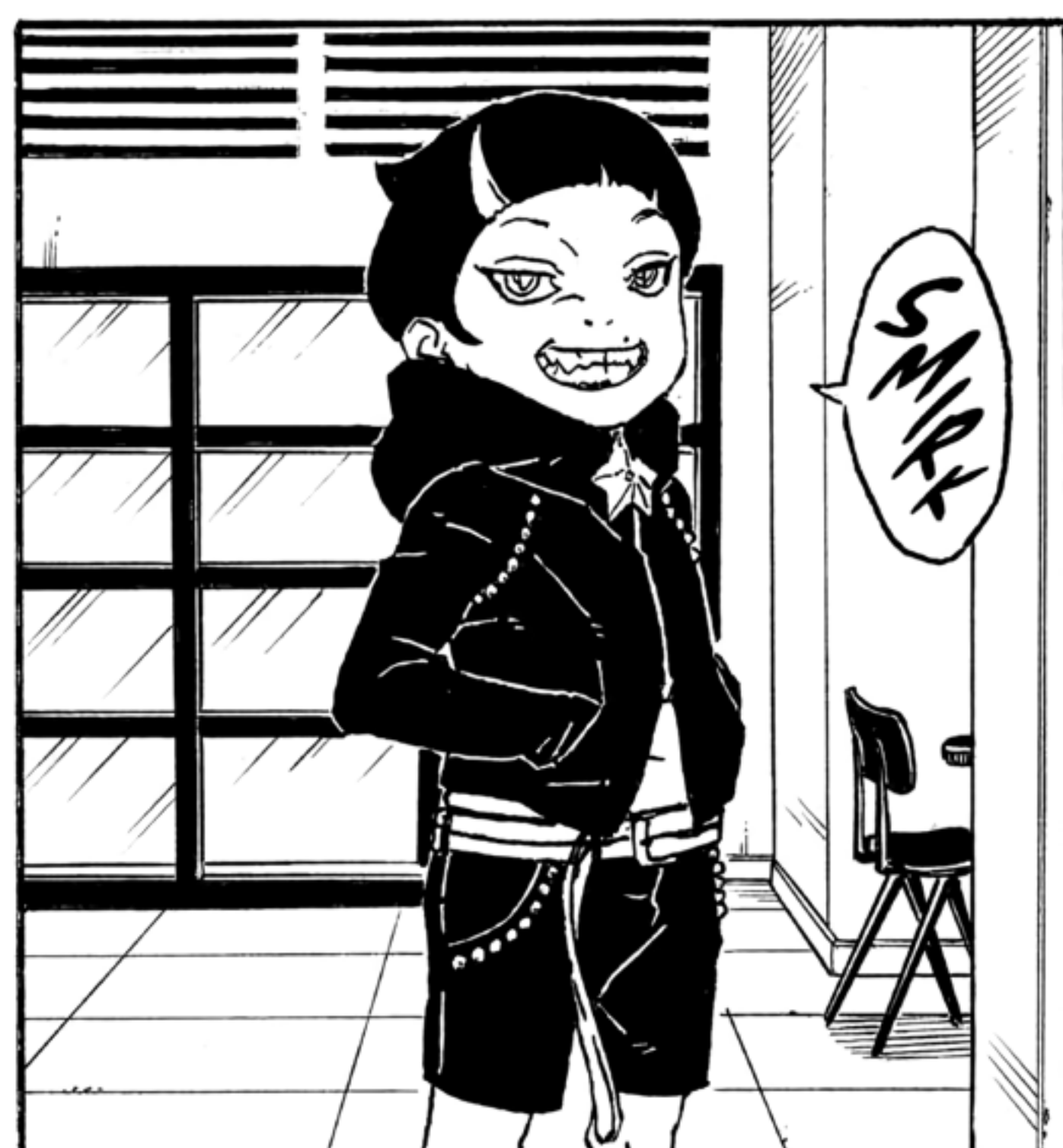
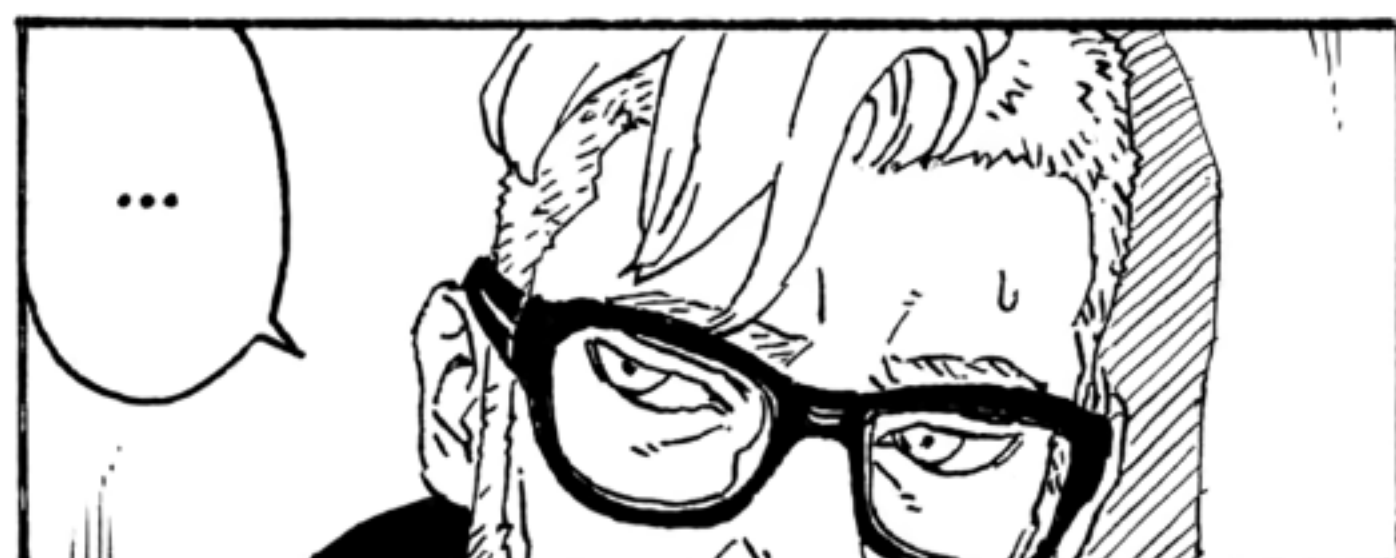
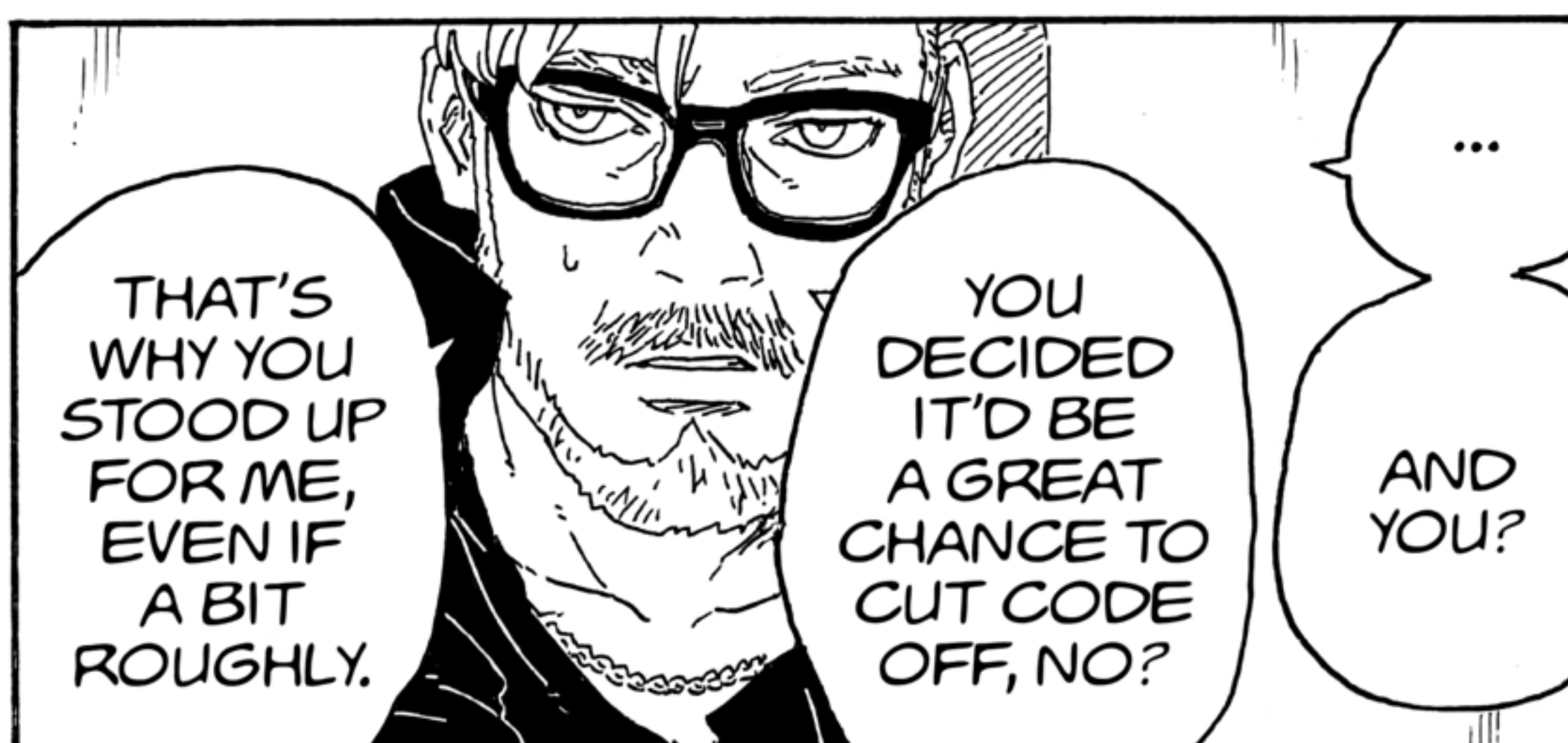
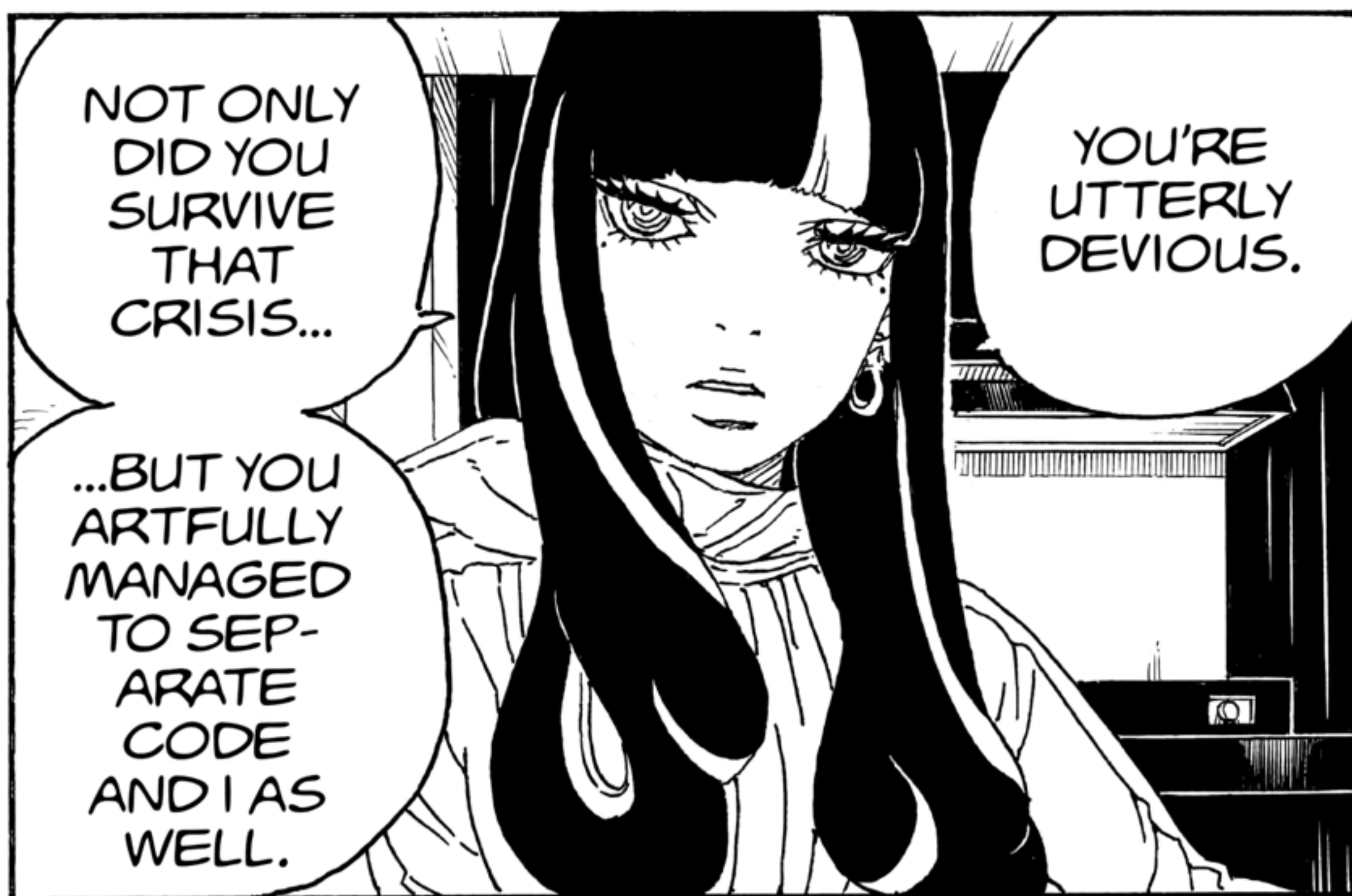


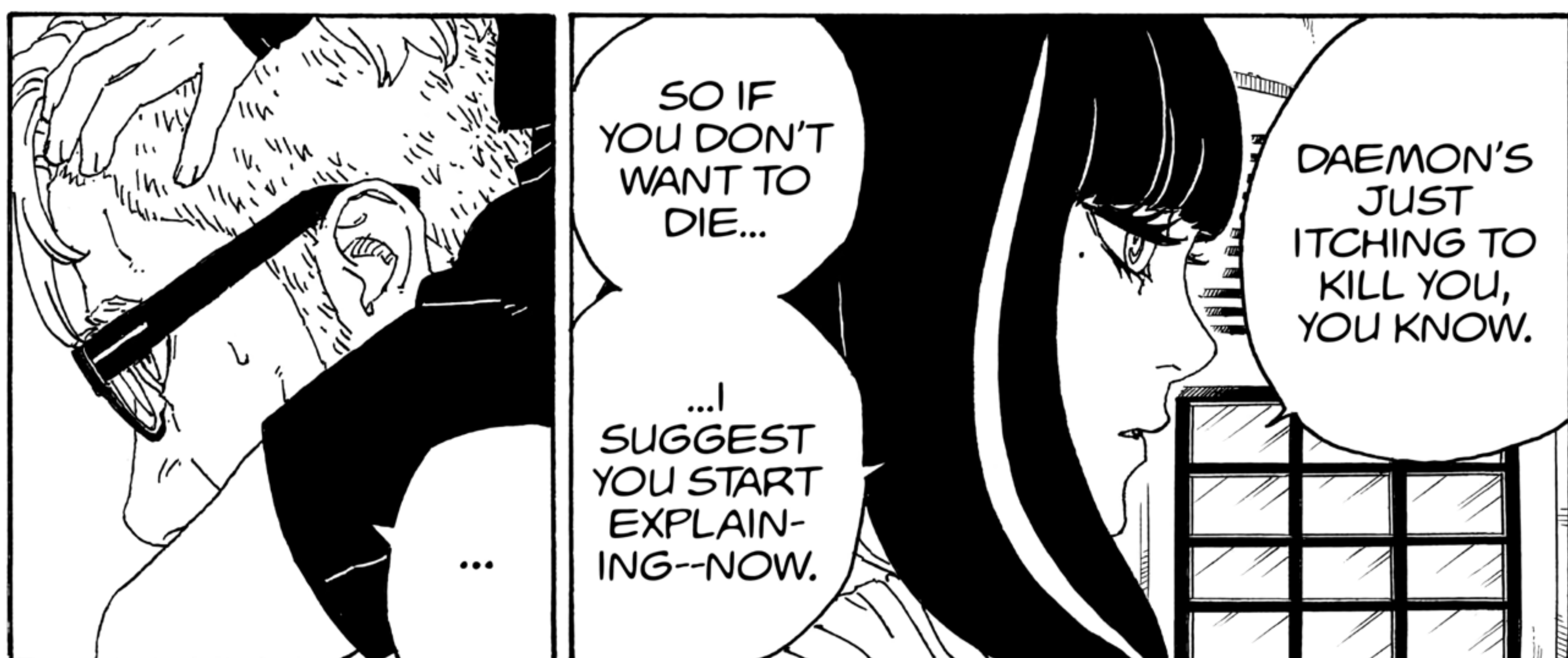
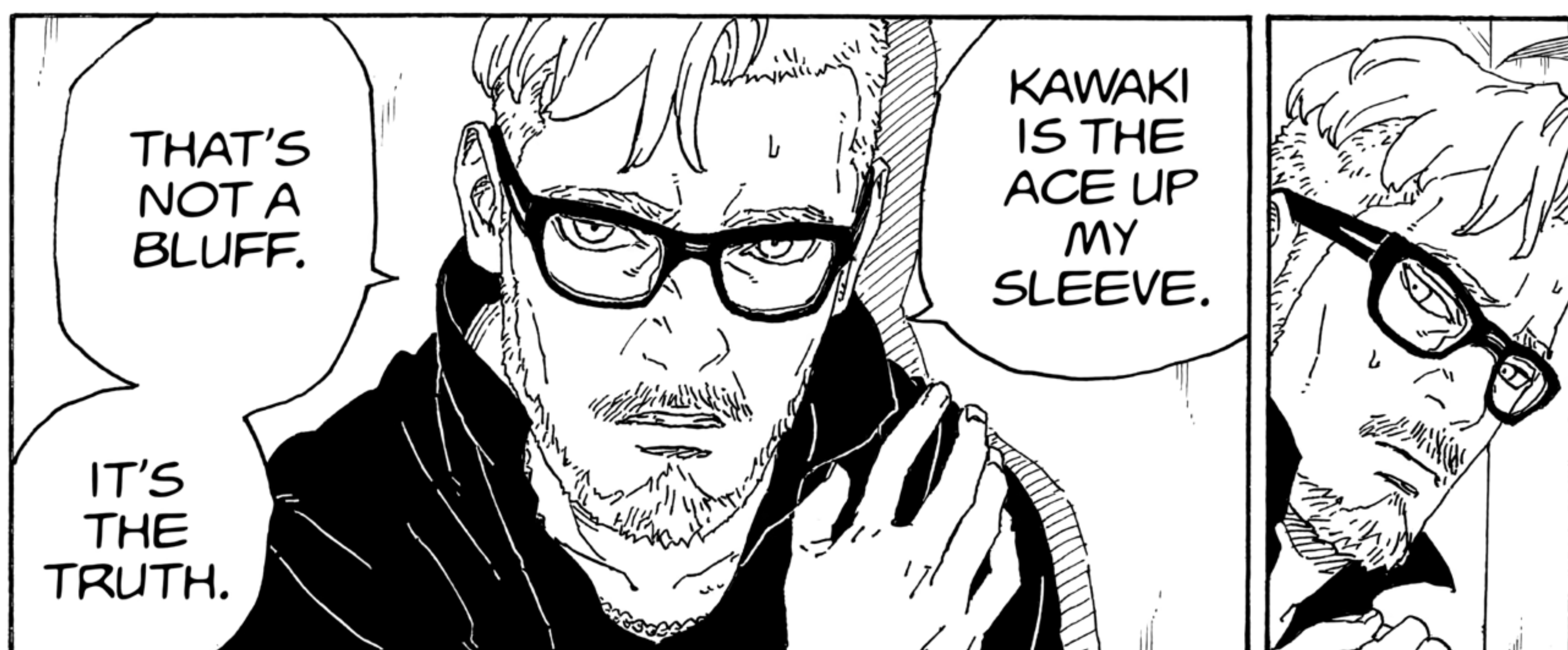
...OR
WANT
TO KILL
YOU.

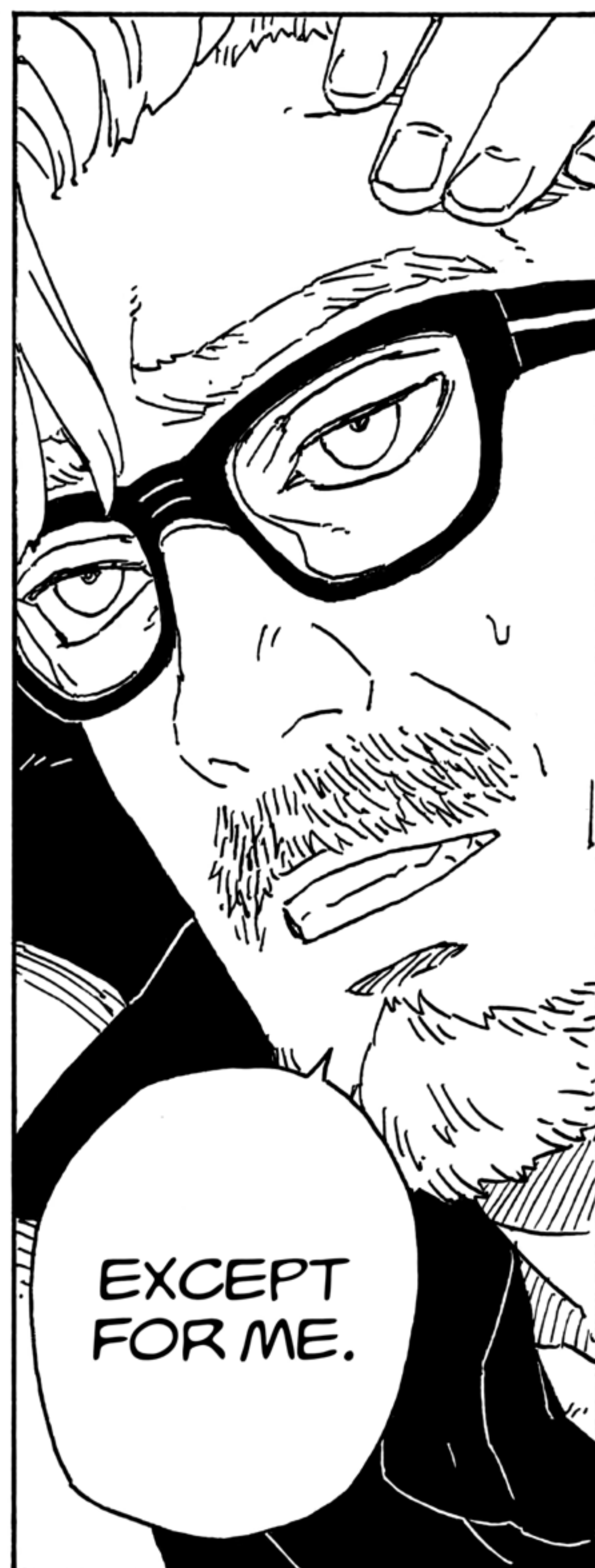
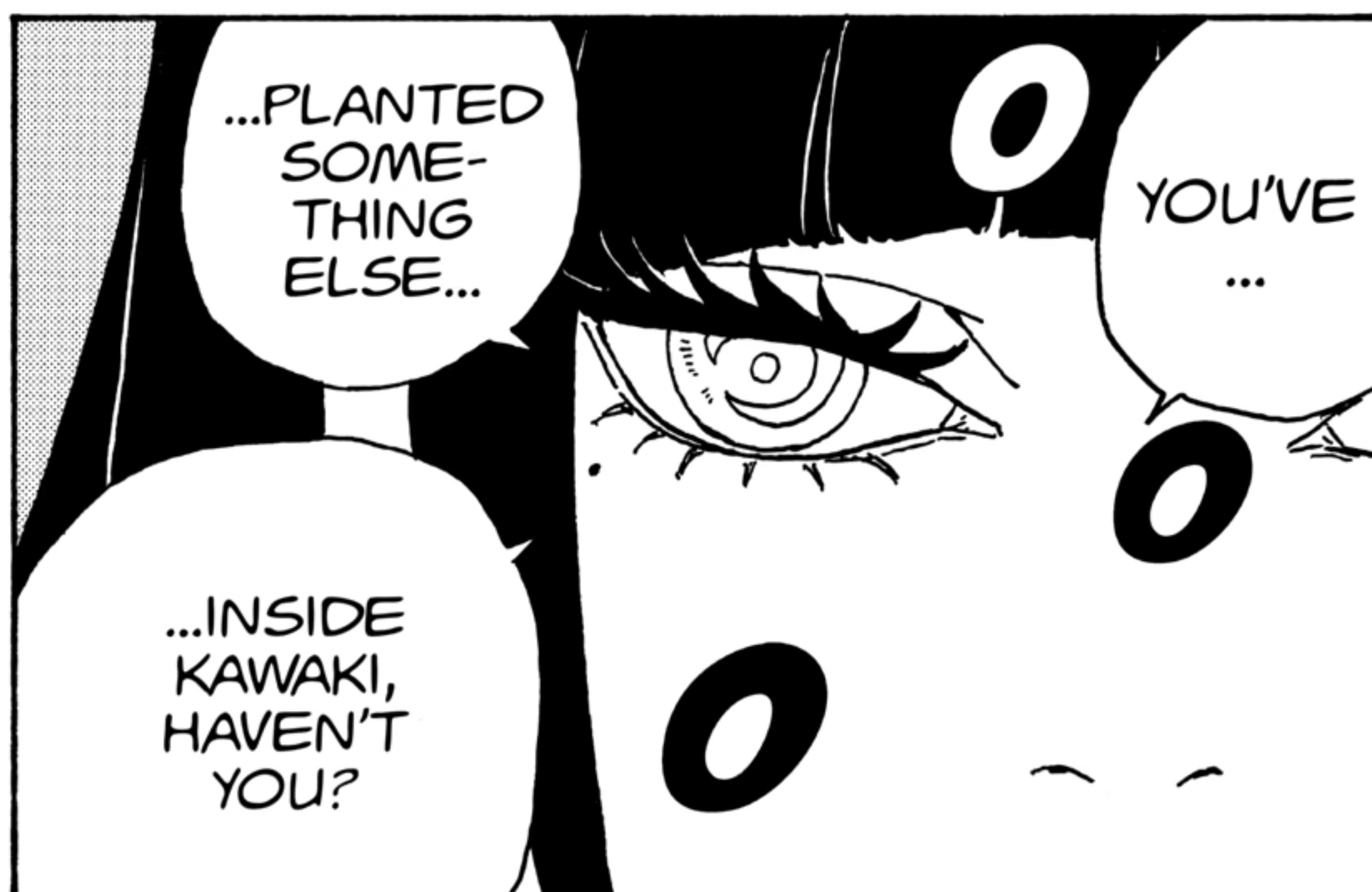
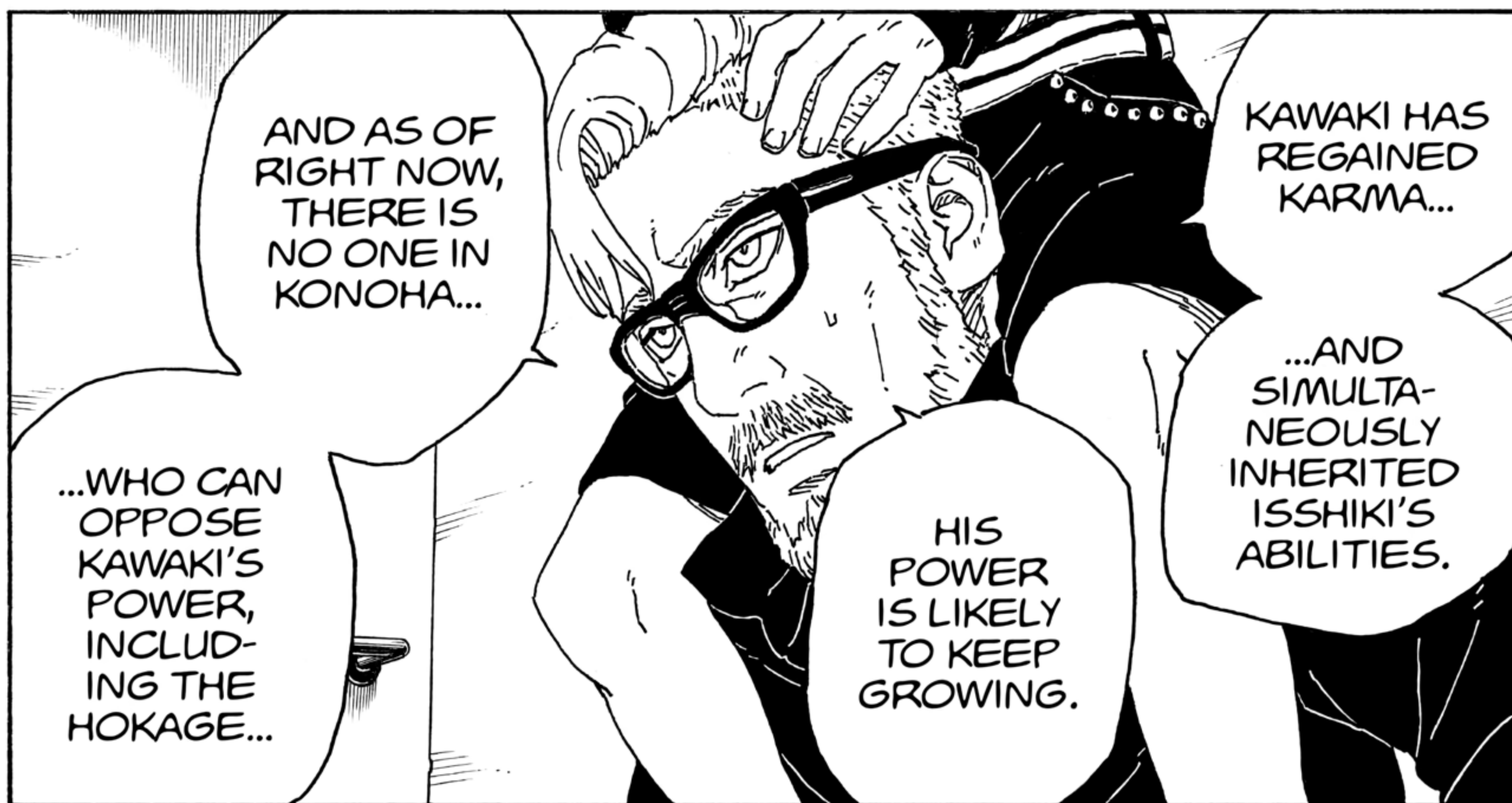


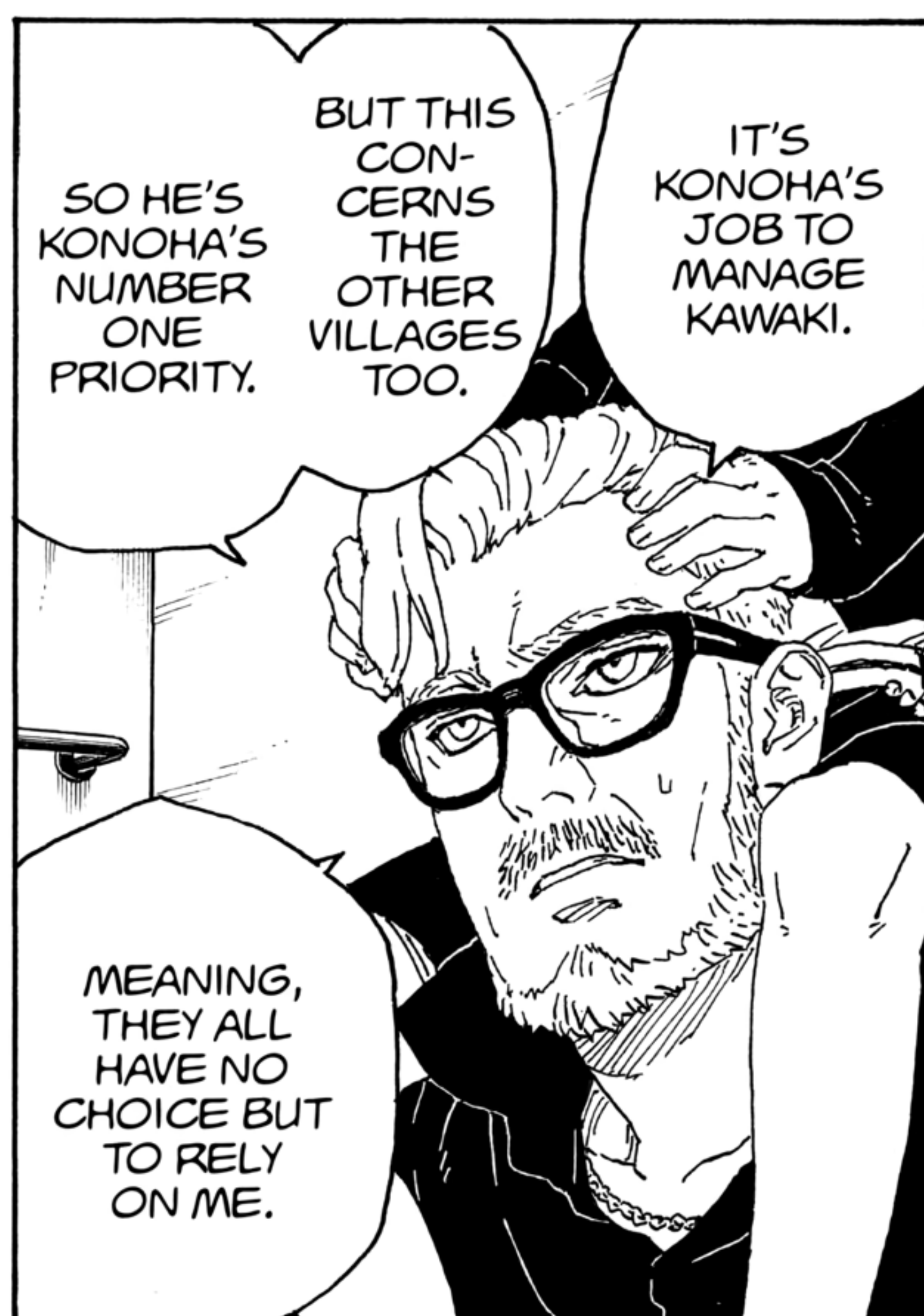
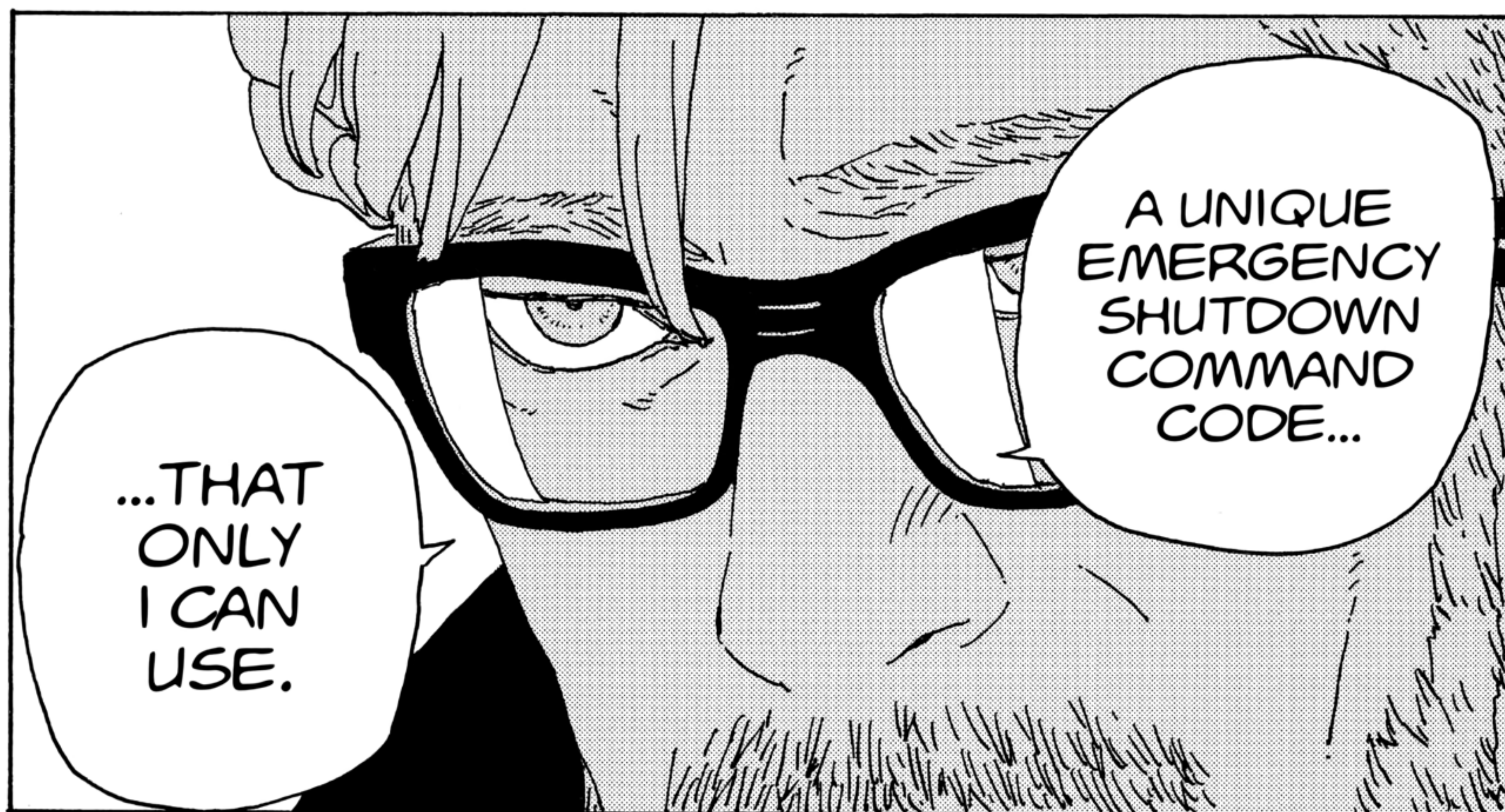
WHETHER
I WANT
TO LOVE
YOU...

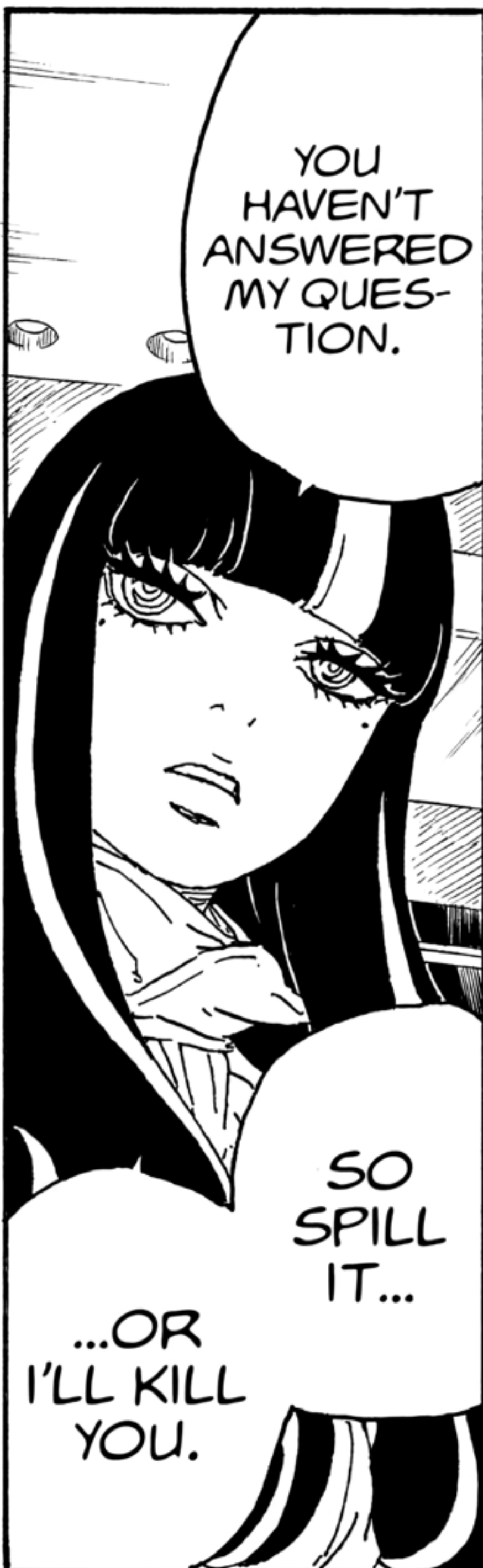
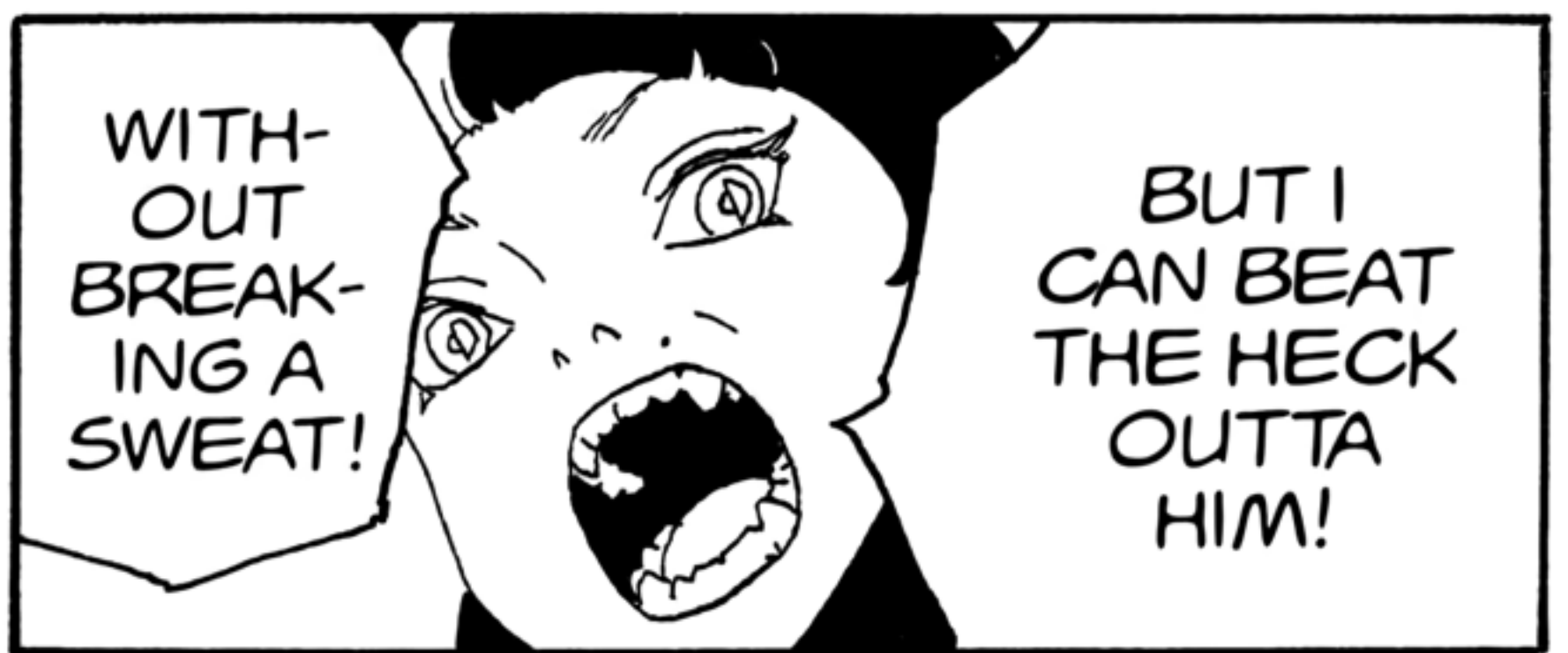
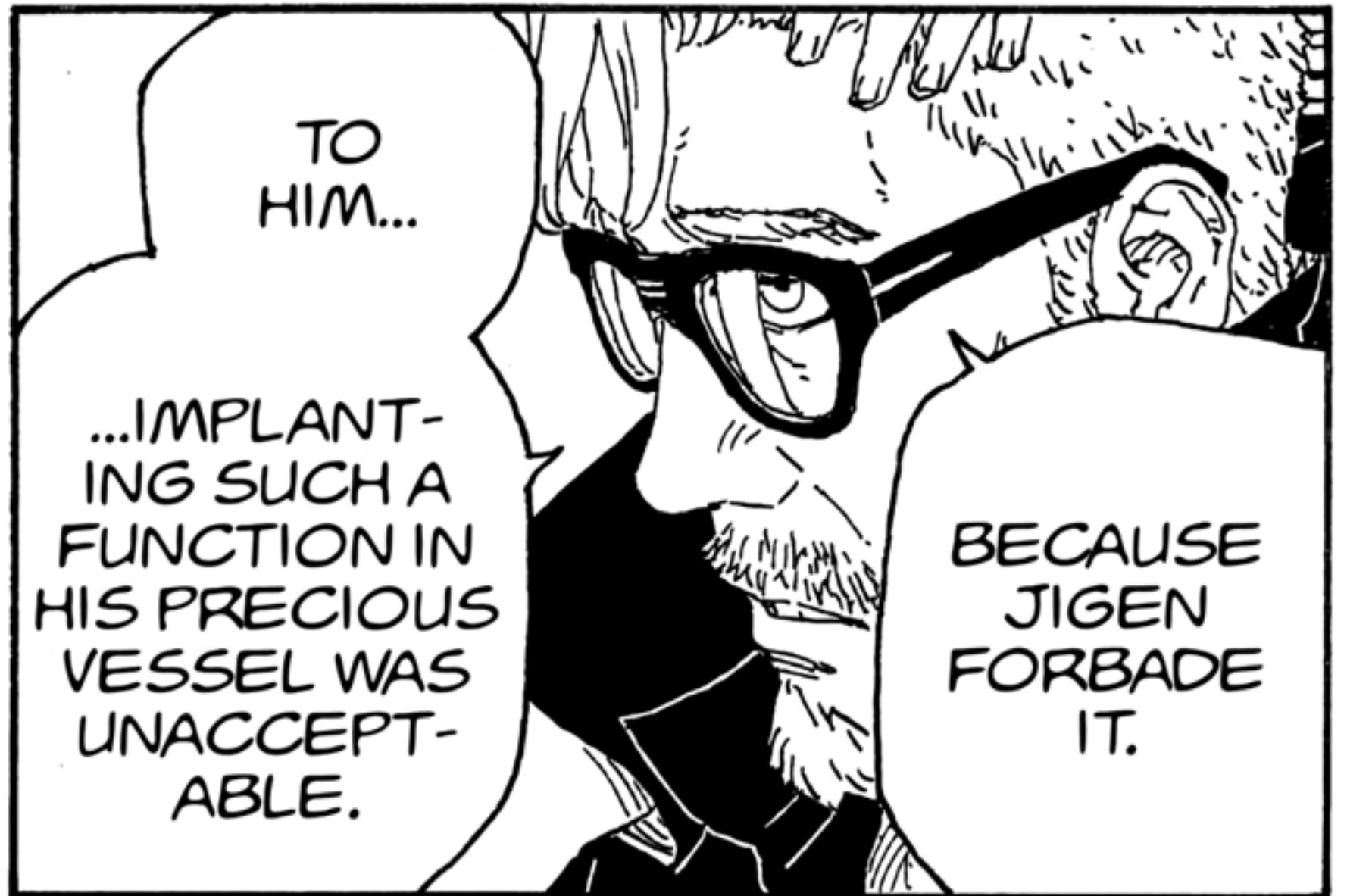


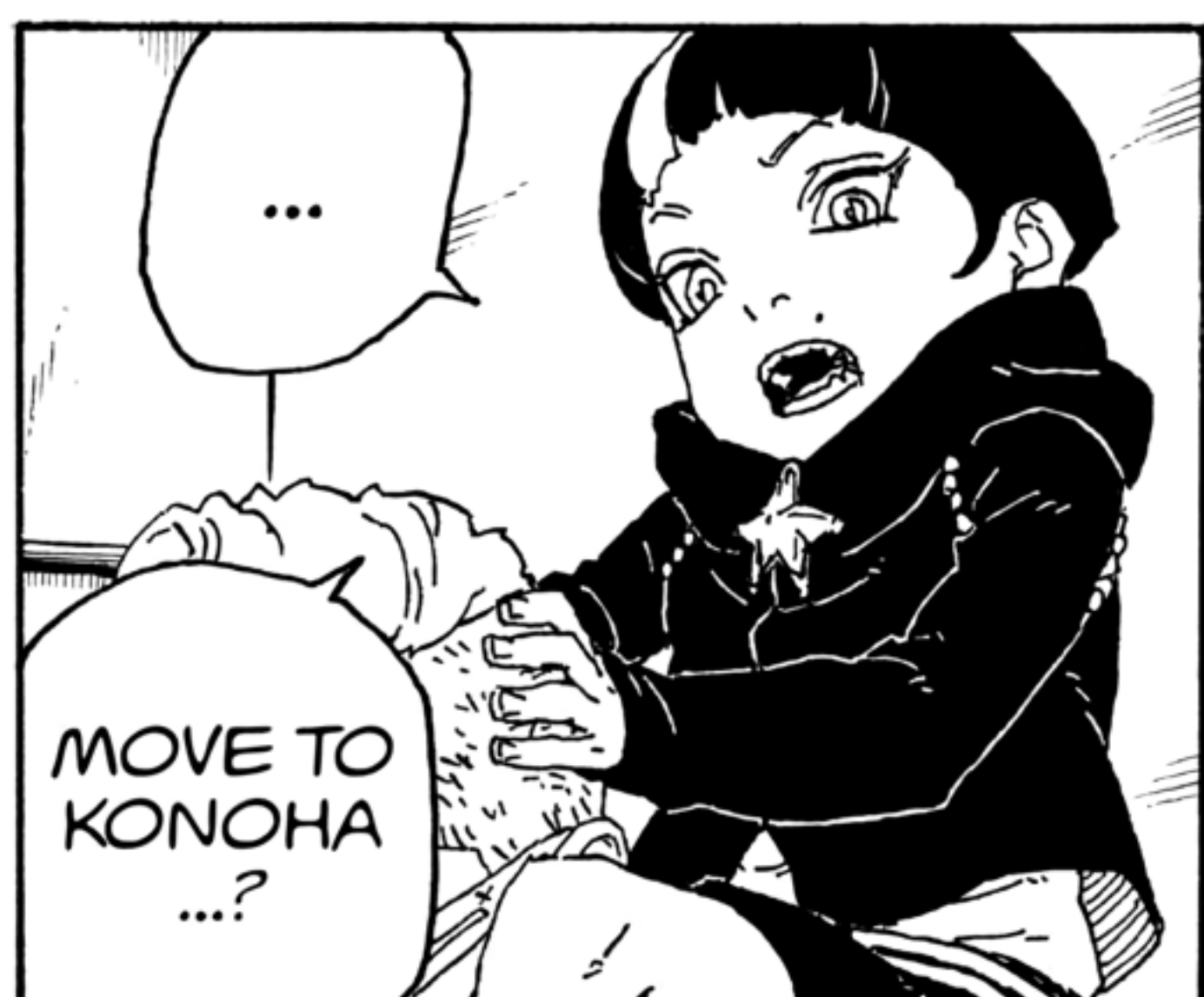
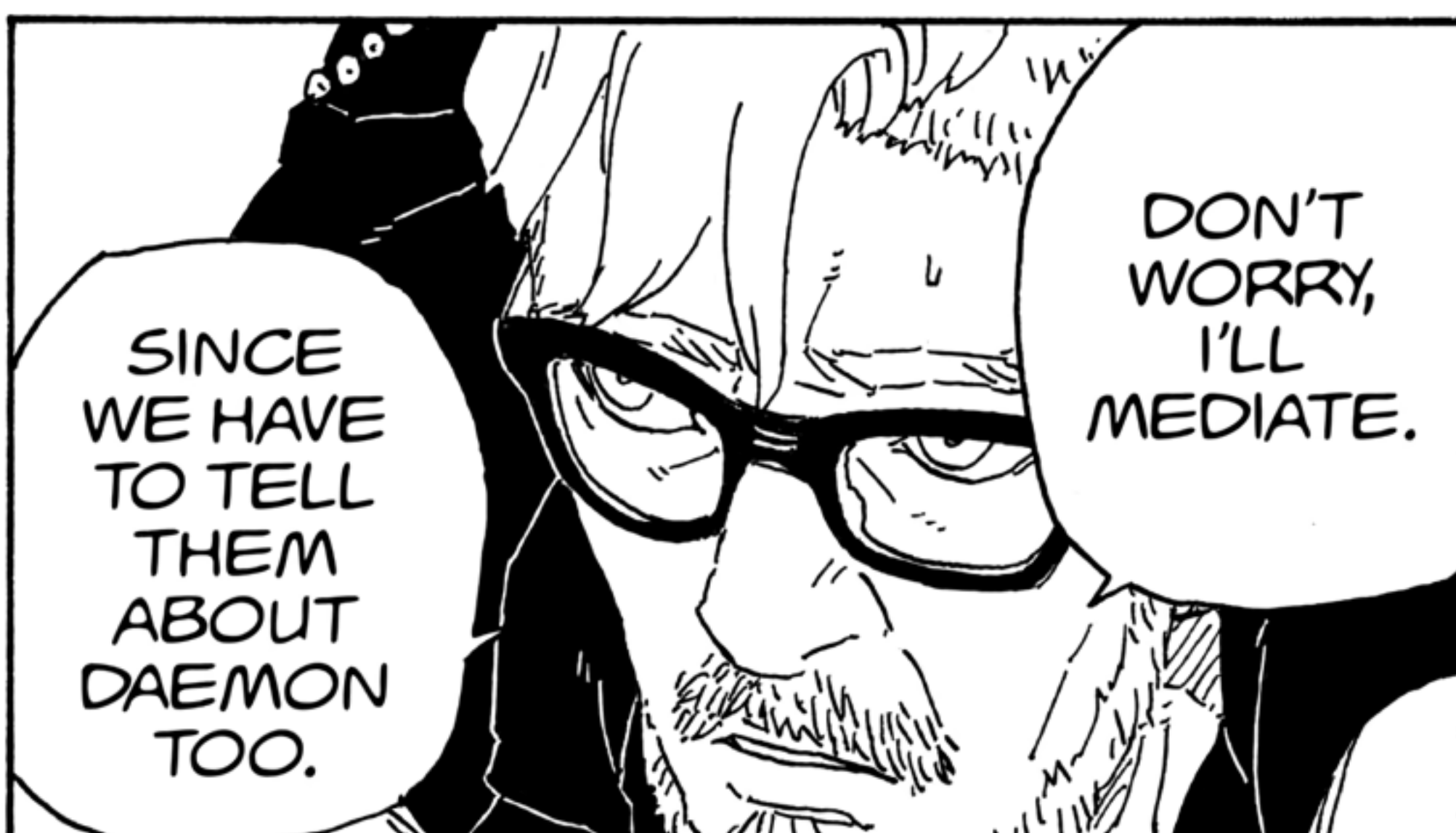


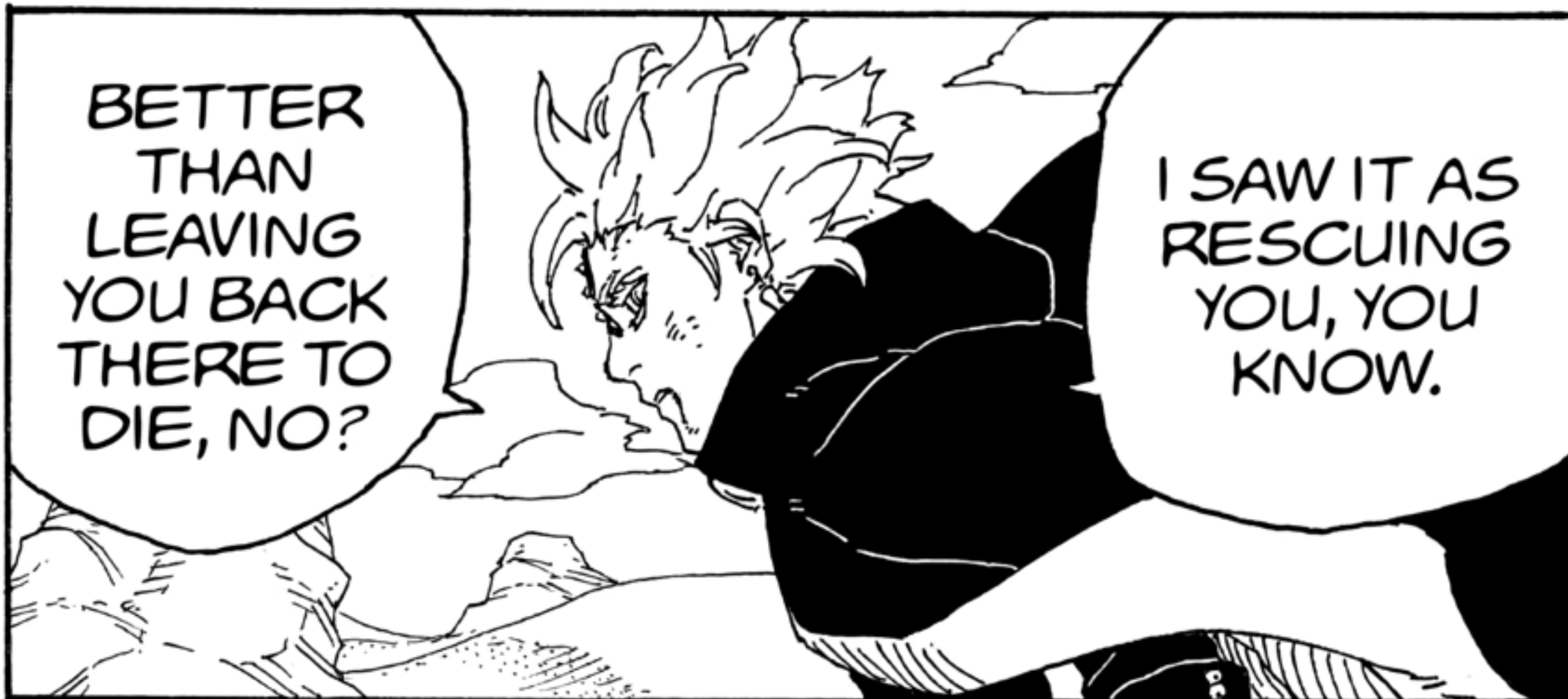
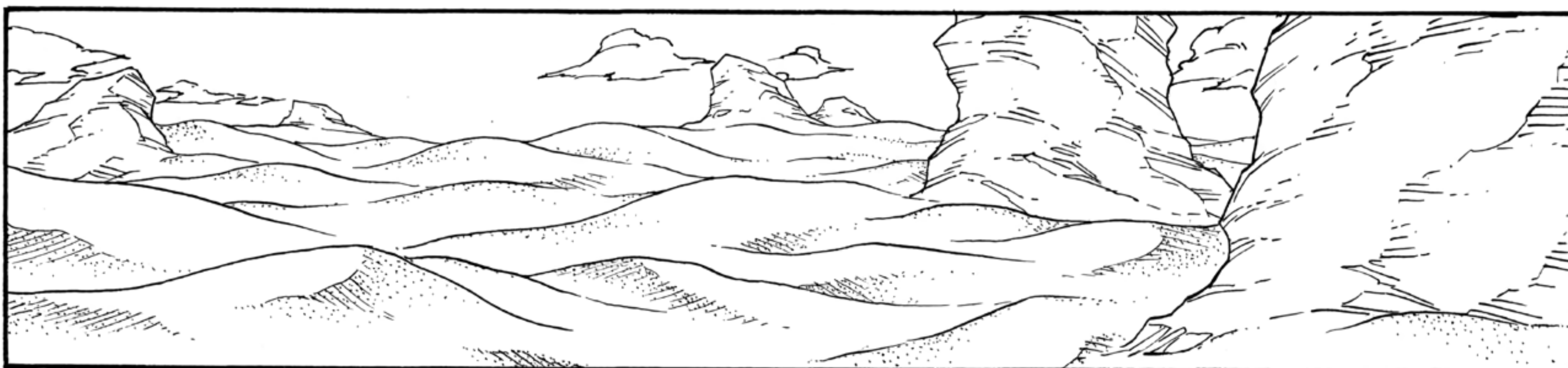
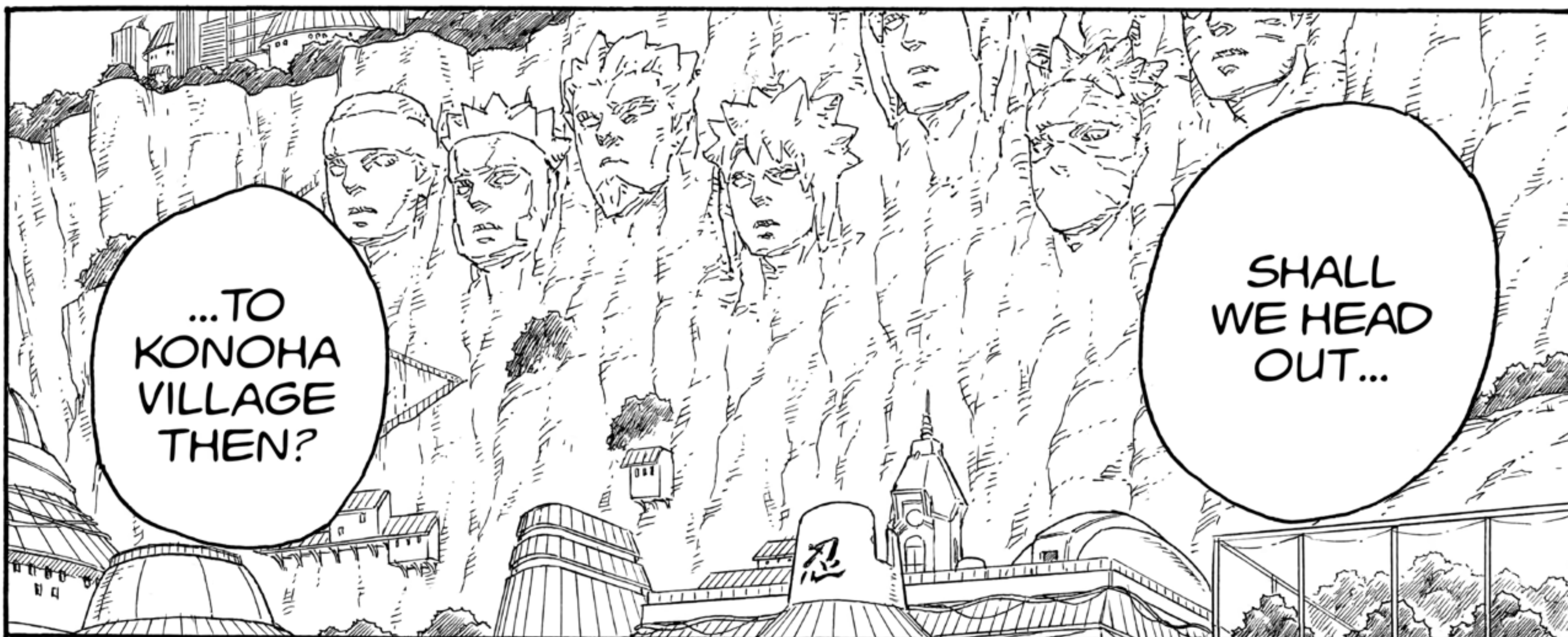






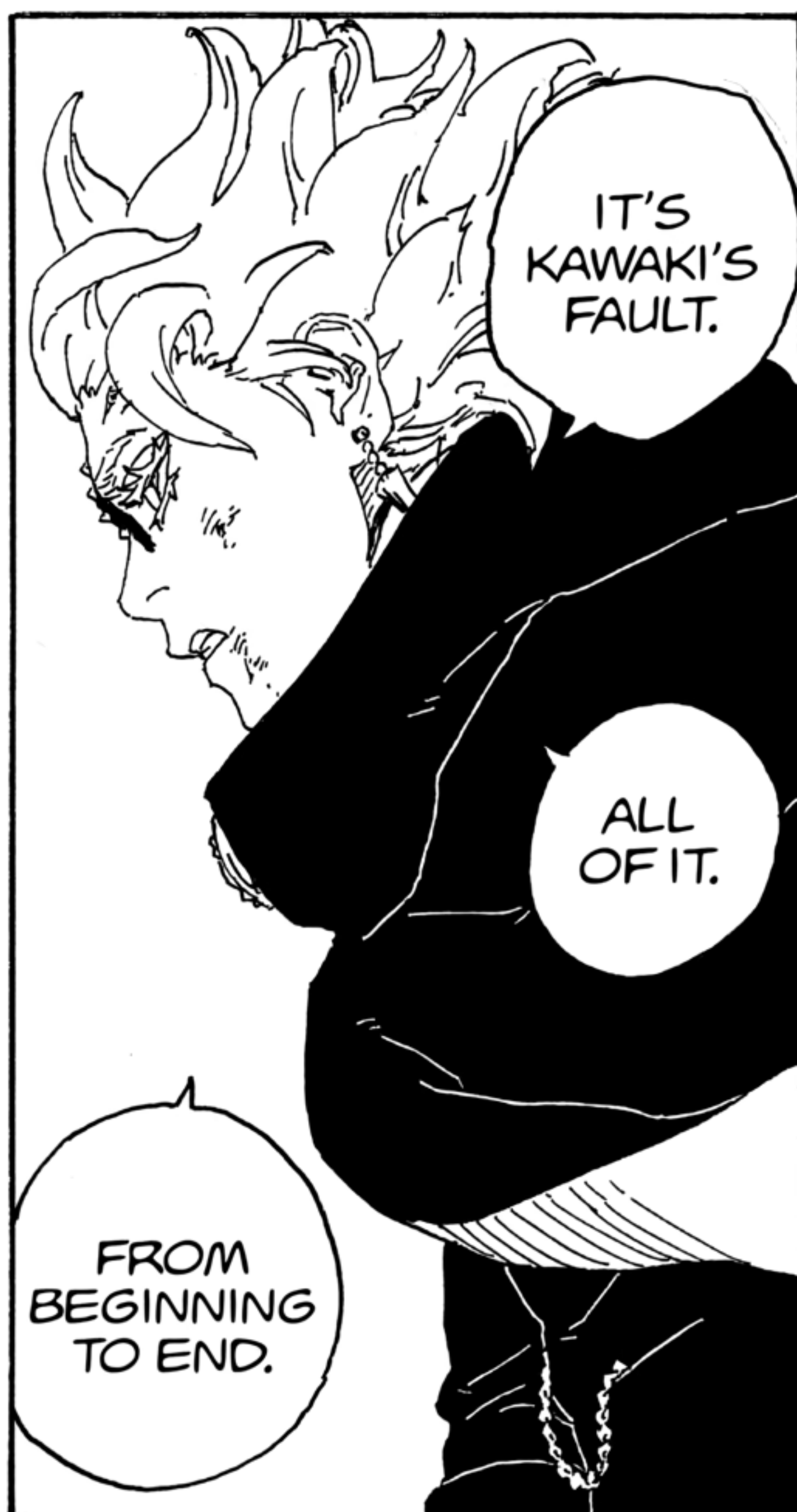








THAT
BASTARD...



IT'S
KAWAKI'S
FAULT.

ALL
OF IT.

FROM
BEGINNING
TO END.



I NEVER
CARED
FOR HIM
FROM THE
GET-GO.

WHY
COULDN'T
IT HAVE
BEEN
ME?

HOW'D
HE END
UP AS THE
LEGITIMATE
VESSEL?



EVERY
SINGLE
TIME...

...

HE ALWAYS
TAKES
WHAT'S
IMPORTANT
TO ME!!



AND
EIDA
TOO!!

HE'S
TAKEN
EVERY-
THING
FROM
ME!!



I'M
GONNA
KILL
HIM.

